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GERMANY'S NEW DEFENCES.

ON THE POLISH FRONTIER.

NAVAL AND MILITARY DISPLAY.

(EXCLUSIVE TO THE "DAILY PRESS.")

Berlin, February 7th (U.P.).—German military leaders regard Eastern Europe as the potential field of their activities and Poland is the country which they have in mind as a possible enemy, against whom they are building their defences.

Not that Germany is in a warlike mood or preparing for offensive warfare. Indeed, when German statesmen proclaim a foreign policy of peace and reconciliation, this is more than the threadbare phrase of the platitudinous diplomats. Germany needs peace, wants it and is not prepared for a large-scale war. Compared to other European Powers, such as France, England, the Soviet Union or Poland, Germany is militarily weak. The Treaty of Versailles will for many years prevent Germany from restoring its military strength.

Moreover, the majority of Germans to-day are not likely to be swept into a flood of military enthusiasm as in August, 1914. While the younger German generation is by no means pacifist, it is no longer subject to the military tradition of the Kaiser's reign. Parades, spiked helmets, flag-waving, troop reviews, sham battles and naval manoeuvres have lost their pristine charm for many Germans. The profession of bearing arms is not generally glorified. Compulsory military service has been abolished and the standing army of 100,000 men, allowed by the treaty of Versailles, is scarcely in evidence in the humdrum life of the German citizen.

"Young German" Society.

There are numerous big organizations of a semi-military character in Germany, among them the Steel Helmet, Young German Order and Reichsbanner, all possessing a large membership of ex-service men. Despite fears voiced by French statesmen, it is an exaggeration to say, as do Germany's adversaries, that these organizations in reality comprise a secret, illegal army of two millions. An army in this age of technology, moreover, requires more than man-power.

Not only has the German Government been pursuing a policy of reconciliation toward France, but the thought of a new Franco-German war is admittedly an absurdity to-day. Germany is militarily no match for France with its large air-force, artillery, tanks and navy. For the German military mind, the "western front" is non-existent even as an imaginary contingency. The same cannot be said, however, of a possible "eastern front." That leaders of the German army and small navy are devoting their attention to Germany's eastern border, and notably to Poland, was clearly demonstrated during the recent Reichstag debate on the new 10,000-ton armoured battleship which German shipyards are now building. General Wilhelm Groener, Minister for Defence, in defending the construction of the new battleship, referred to "Poland's hunger for German territory in Eastern Prussia or Upper Silesia." He even went so far as to suggest that the Poles, politically and economically, are laying their "springboard" for a future leap into Germany.

Future Conflicts.

The chiefs of the German army are well aware that world peace may be short-lived and that existing international conflicts may easily be aggravated. They speak frankly of the tension between Italy and Yugoslavia, Italy and Czechoslovakia, Poland and Lithuania, with Soviet Russia in the background. They have closely observed the latent hostility between England and Russia. Finally, they believe, rightly or wrongly, that the new alignment of Powers will be concentrated around England and France, on the one hand, and the United States, on the other. German army men are not only convinced that these conflicts will lead to a new war, but they assume that Germany will not be able to remain utterly aloof from such a clash. Whether or not Germany would actually take part as a combatant, is a speculative question. But that the Germans would at least be called upon to defend their country's neutrality is taken for granted.

In viewing the range of possible future armed conflicts, the German Ministry of Defence primarily envisages a possible embroglio with Poland. The new armoured battleship, which is to be added to the German navy, is said to be intended to defend Eastern Prussia from Polish invasion. In a war with Poland, the German navy would not merely intervene along the Baltic coast, if necessary, but could protect the flanks and rear of German land forces in Eastern Prussia. Moreover, the German battleships could use the sea route to replenish munition stores in East Prussia. Germany's immediate naval policy aims to maintain German supremacy over Poland in the Baltic waters. To realize this goal, Germany may enlarge its navy up to the limit Versailles permits.

Destroyers for Poland.

Poland has placed orders for destroyers and submarines in foreign shipyards. Moreover, German military quarters assert that a treaty exists, in which France promised to dispatch a squadron of cruisers and battleships to the Baltic in support of Poland in case of war. Such a French squadron, it is stated, could be placed under the Polish colours before the outbreak of hostilities, without obliging France itself to take part as a combatant. Should Poland thus be enabled to reinforce its slim navy with French battleships, Germany's naval forces would certainly be outnumbered and inferior.

In German naval circles, however, doubts are expressed whether France could withdraw its naval strength from the Mediterranean to the extent which Poland's requirements might demand. Such a possibility is considered likely only if England would agree to protect French interests in the Mediterranean. Barring the contingency of French naval reinforcements for Poland, then, the German navy, once its present building progress is fulfilled, would easily dominate the Baltic against Poland.

Foreign observers here have been struck by the extent to which Poland has replaced France as the "traditional" enemy in the German military mind. Casting aside diplomatic verbiage, speakers in the Reichstag bluntly referred to Poland as the potential German enemy during the recent debate.

Germany regards with uneasiness Poland's large military establishment and the 40 per cent. share of the Polish budget devoted to military expenditures. Meanwhile, German resentment at the loss of Upper Silesia to Poland and at Poland's acquisition of the "corridor" which severs Eastern Prussia from the Reich, has never subsided. Poland, on the other hand, is continually perturbed by the presence of an "unfriendly" Germany and a hostile Russia as immediate neighbours to the west and east.

Peace in Eastern Europe is tenuous, and it is not surprising that German military leaders, like those of other countries, are concentrating their attention on this restless sector.

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Diary of Coming Events.

To-day
(March 8th.)
Church of England Diocesan Conference.
Christian Fellowship Meetings, Helena May Institute, 10.30 a.m.
Hockey: Y.M.C.A. 2nd XI. v. H.K. Club "A" King's Park, 5 p.m.
Lecture: Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders, "Cold in the Tropics and the Possibility of Manufactured Weather," Prof. C. A. Middleton Smith, M.Sc., 5.30 p.m.
H.K. Football Referees Association meeting, Scandal Point, 6 p.m.
S.P.C.A. Masked Ball, Peninsula Hotel, 8 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "Tempest."
World Theatre: "Sunrise."
Star Theatre: "The 13th Hour" and The Samoan Dancers at 9.30 p.m.
Ten Dances: H.K. Hotel and Peninsula Hotel, 4.30 p.m.
Dinner Dances: King Edward Hotel and Lane Crawford's Restaurant, 8 p.m.; Peninsula Hotel, 8.30 p.m.
European Mails:—Inward: Europe via Megapatan (Khyber). Outward: Europe via Marselles (Tunis Maru), 9.20 a.m.; Europe via Victoria, B.C. (Tyndarus), 10.30 a.m.

Sunday
(March 10th.)
Fourth Sunday in Lent.
Queen's Theatre: "Skirts."
World Theatre: "My Best Girl."
Also Sam Ku West and his Harmony Trio.
Star Theatre: "The Merry Widow."
European Mails:—Outward: Europe via Siberia (Khyber) 9 a.m.
Monday
(March 11th.)
Sale of Crown Land, Kowloon Inland Lots Nos. 2179 and 2178, 3 p.m.
Land Auction: China Auction Rooms, 123 Hollywood Road, 23 Circular Path and Marine Lot No. 124, 3 p.m.
Hockey: Y.M.C.A. 1st XI. v. H.K. Club 2nd XI, King's Park, 5 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "Skirts."
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Also Sam Ku West and his Harmony Trio.
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Ten Dances: H.K. Hotel and Peninsula Hotel, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.
Dinner Dances: Peninsula Hotel, 8.30 p.m.

Saturday
(March 9th.)
First Extra Race Meeting, Happy Valley, 2 p.m.

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WOMAN'S PAGE.

ON A FAVOURITE SUBJECT.

HATS LARGE AND SMALL, FLOWER TRIMMED FELTS,
SCARVES USED ON LARGE SUMMER SHAPES.

It is always a pleasure to write about hats, but perhaps, more delightful this spring than it has been for a long time because there is such a variety in the styles. Some years ago the cloche threatened to be as universal for women as the Homburg for men. No one dared to wear a brim unless it was lovely enough to brave fashion, and it was considered rather eccentric for an English woman to swathe her head in a turban although a Parisienne would sometimes venture to do so.

But we have won through to freedom. To-day, you can choose a shape with a wide sweeping brim, a cloche, a turban, or even a hat with a brim of moderate proportions and have no fear of not being in the fashion. This freedom means that hats are now being made to suit individual types, and although it makes the choice more bewildering, it ensures that every woman, if she chooses can wear a hat which accentuates her good points.

The Dolly Vardon Hat Shop is an excellent place in which to choose a hat if you are not quite sure which style is the kindest to your particular type, because so wide a choice is offered. I saw yesterday big picture hats of crin straw with the crowns tied with

printed georgette scarves. Recalling a gracious fashion of many years ago, a fashion which seems particularly suited to the type of English beauty which is admired the world over.

Other crin straws with drooping brims are trimmed with a large exotic flower on one side, a more formal style demanding a smart dress, while yet others have flat clusters of flower heads and a band of velvet ribbon.

In direct opposition are the neat, cat possible little shapes of fine silk canvas straw, folded and trimmed with severe little bows of their own material. These for the woman who likes a tailored appearance even in her summer frocks. Fancy weaves and trimmings of flat flowers or gaily coloured braids, give a summery and less formal look to other small hats, and what promises to be a very favourite fashion for the spring is a light weight felt trimmed with velvet flower heads.

I can not go into any description of individual hats this week, and indeed I should hardly know where to begin for those I saw in the Dolly Vardon were so many and so charming, that it would be hard to pick out any for particular mention. But if you cannot find just the hat you have been looking for among them it will be because you have not looked properly!

MARMET PRAMS.

The Marmet Pram, "the aristocrat of baby carriages," is a subject I am always happy to talk about. I've had a Marmet and I am duly grateful! The 1929 models which have just arrived in WHITEAWAY, LAIDLAW's embody all the newest ideas for baby comfort, together with the excellent designs and craftsmanship for which Marmets are justly famous.

Worthy to stand beside them is a very well designed "Alwyn" folder. It is so beautifully sprung, it is quite fit for a tiny baby as the seat lets down to make a full length bed. An excellent point is that the hood is joined at the bottom to the body of the pram, instead of just resting on it, thus preventing a draught from blowing in between the two.

STRAW HATS FOR LATE SPRING.

There is a very nice collection of straw hats for late spring or early summer wear now in LANE, CRAWFORD'S. They are mostly semi-trimmed and have medium sized brims, though there are a certain number of small cloche or turban shapes. One of the former, in scarlet tulle, has an amusing trimming of a volweb embroidered in red and grey silk braid. I also saw a showcase full of very attractive white felt hats trimmed with corded or satin ribbon.

SUMMER EVENING FROCKS.

LACE, TULLE AND TAFFETAS.

Eve has a collection of inexpensive evening frocks which should find great favour here, because they are cut on simple lines which make them cool to wear, and that is, perhaps, even more important, makes the wearer look cool. They might, many of them, also be worn as afternoon frocks in the summer, which is a consideration for those whose purse is not as elastic as they would like it to be. There are a series of little dresses, in various colours, made of artificial silk lace, which is guaranteed to wash. They are simply but prettily cut and have a slip of the same coloured rayon.

Taffetas and net makes two more important looking evening dresses. One, of midnight blue tulle, has three rows of taffetas ruffles set in vandyke points round the hem of the skirt, which is quite long and full. The other has a long, close fitting bodice of taffetas, with the new basque, and a net skirt, trimmed with rows of narrow velvet ribbon. Sea green net with a silver lace bodice makes a very charming picture frock with an ankle length skirt. Another green tulle frock has rows of narrow silver ribbon on the skirt.

The first voile frocks have also come in, some of them are priced as low as \$9.50, others more elaborate in cut, or of finer voile are rather more expensive.

There are some very attractive little frocks in cotton georgette, which could be worn for afternoon or informal evening wear during the summer, and I saw a number of very well cut linen frocks running from \$14.50.

PEARL BEIGE AND TABAC.

SOME MORE JUMPER SUITS.

I told you last week about some of the "Dorville" jumper suits called PAMELA. Here are two or three more. They are made of very light weight wool either a knitted or woven material and are beautifully tailored. But, perhaps, "tailored" is not the best word for they have nothing of the rather straight up-and-down look which one associates with a tailored suit. Rather the material has been used like a fine cloth or silk and the trimming as carefully thought out as for the most exquisite afternoon ensemble.

There is, for example, a two-piece ensemble of pale pearl angora. The skirt is a tailored wrap over affair with a woven lozenge border in tabac brown. The same pattern borders the jumper and appears on the sleeves. Less formal is a suit of grey knitted wool, the jumper having an all over pattern of red and blue. A very smart coat dress in tabac brown is carried out in Friks and has an interesting waistcoat cut in front.

MOIRE AND POMPADOUR TAFFETAS.



The interest in both these dresses is concentrated on the left hip. That on the right intended for pompadour taffetas in silver and green has a true bustle bow, and an amusing bow of satin ribbon in a deeper tone green on the opposite shoulder. The other frock carried out in honey coloured moire, has an extremely graceful cascade arrangement and should be accompanied by topaz or red amber jewellery.

RAINBOW HANGINGS.

SOME LOVELY FURNISHING FABRICS.

Among the many lovely furnishing fabrics which have appeared this year, are a series of "sunset cloths," of artificial silk in which the colours of the spectrum are woven. Sometimes the effect is almost that of the rainbow with the colours distinct and only merged by a warp of the dominating tone, other materials are woven with a shot effect. There is one silk in WHITEAWAY, LAIDLAW's, which is the loveliest example I have seen of these sunset fabrics. The colours which tone from green to flame red, are shot and the effect is more like bronze than anything else I can think of. The highlights of the folds glow golden, the half tones of purple, and the shadows blue green. It would make the most

lovely hangings especially, I believe, for doorways since the light held in the folds of the material is what gives it beauty.

Another rainbow material has the colours more sharply divided, the pink, green and yellow being merged by a cross weave of mauve. Some materials are shot with a two colour effect and have a floral stripe, as for example, shot gold and blue with a beige stripe on which are terra cotta flowers and green leaves. Shot flame red and gold is very magnificent and attractive.

I notice, too, a very lovely, crushed strawberry pink, silk rop which would, perhaps, be most effective as chair covers, and I believe Whiteaway's have a similar material, also in other tones.

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WOMAN'S PAGE.

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE.

A SURPRISE PRESENT, JUMPER SUITS, HATS, AND FROCKS.

There seemed to be so many different and pleasing things on show at the Felix Hat Shop when I paid my visit this week, that I found it impossible to concentrate my thoughts on anything in particular, and decided to tell you a little about everything. First, I think, comes a surprise present for a bridge party. It is enclosed in a box covered with a pretty paper wrapper, was it stationary I wondered, or perhaps a flower? It might have been chocolates had I found it in a confectioner's. Inside was, however, must to my surprise a handkerchief puff (the hanky violet silk), a bottle of violet perfume, two squares of violet bath salts, a piece of soap, and a bottle of smelling salts! And the price was another surprise only \$4.75. I saw, too, some nice little boudoir clocks in leather cases which would also make acceptable prizes.

A number of very nice light weight jumper suits, three-piece, also arrived this week. Among them is one in two tones of blue, which I thought very pretty, and another with a speckled beige and white coat and skirt and a plain beige jumper.

A couple of afternoon frocks next claimed my attention. One is very smart indeed in a lovely green satin. It has a belt, at the natural waistline, of black velvet fastened with a good looking cut steel buckle, and white georgette collar and cuffs edged with black. The other is in navy and Joffe blue georgette. The bodice has tiny steel buttons sewn on with pale blue silk to ornament it, and the skirt is composed of alternate small frills of the two blues.

I was shown, though, of course, it is packed away and not hung up in the shop, a charming bride dress of white satin and silk lace, with a short white cape, and embroidery of pearls.

"Felix" hats are well-known and do not now stand in need of any special recommendation, but they do seem to have an exceptionally big and attractive stock at present in both felt and straw. There is a cupboard full of hats, all marked at \$4, which contains some very attractive members of the last consignment, which have been marked down to clear them out.

NEW SILKS.

In the PIONEER SILK STORE this week I found a new consignment of murel crepe, in many colours. The blues, especially those of the new smoky grey tones, were, I thought, particularly good, and there is a lovely cinnamon brown. The same silk in a small self check pattern has also come in in several shades. Fancy stripe spun silk, with a stripe in two tones of one colour on a second, as, for example, light and dark green on beige, has also arrived. This material would be smart for washing morning dresses.

There is some very pretty georgette in four shades, woven for dress lengths with a deep hem of *Broderie Anglaise*, and also for evening wear, some new colours, in taffetas.

FOR YOUR STOCKING BASKET.

I found in WHITEAWAY, LAIDLAW'S on the ground floor, some most convenient little boxes for the mending basket. They contain 15 small reels of silk for darning stockings in the fashionable shades. The price is 60 cents a box. I noticed, too, that they have some well shaped dress shields, and the solid "Mota" spirit for heating curling tongs.

INTERESTING SILHOUETTE.



This coat of black satin trimmed with grey trimmer is chiefly interesting as an example of the new silhouette for spring coats.

BEAUTY.

HOW TO USE YOUR FACE CREAM.

The reason why so many women complain that facial creams don't do what the advertisements say they will was revealed to me suddenly the other day when I watched a friend of mine cold-cream her face.

She had been out shopping all day and her skin was dry and dusty so, after bathing in preparation for dressing for the evening, she slapped some cleansing cream on her face. "Slapped" is exactly the right word. Her fingers dug into the jar and came out with a chunk of cream which she carelessly and hurriedly smeared over her skin. In the next second she was wiping the cream off with a towel. Then in proper order, she used an astringent and a finishing cream—but the effect wasn't all one is led to expect. To be frank, her face didn't look particularly clean.

You know, you must leave the cleansing cream on a few moments to give it time to penetrate the pores and flush them of the dust and oil. And, incidentally, it is both expensive and foolish to use too much cream. Most of what my friend dug out of the jar accomplished nothing except to make the towel greasy.

Don't slap the cream on your face—smooth it into the skin with gentle, regular upward movements of the fingers. Then, after leaving it on long enough to really cleanse the pores, wipe it off and your face is clean.

To tighten up the skin and leave it fresh and smooth, it is necessary to have the astringent really cold or to first dip the pads of cotton with which you apply it in ice-water.

But, however, carefully and faithfully you perform your home treatments, you cannot, if you wish to preserve a clear soft skin, afford to neglect a regular visit to the beauty parlour. It is quite possible to massage your own face and neck as an expert can. The very fact of having to raise your arms to do so is fatiguing, and such a lot of the good done by a facial massage is due to the absolute restfulness of mind and body which you experience under the hands of an experienced masseuse.

This beneficial effect depends also to a large extent on the massage. Her hands should be firm and yet exquisitely soft, and her whole presence vestal and there should be nothing jarring in the atmosphere of the rooms in which you take the treatment. These conditions are admirably fulfilled in the Dorelle Beauty Shoppe. The masseuse knows her job thoroughly and her fingers are extraordinarily soothing.

SUMMER GOODS EXPECTED.

The expected consignment of summer frocks and hats is due to arrive at PETIT LOUVRE to-morrow. Among the new goods will be washing dresses, summer evening frocks, and some lovely wide brimmed hats, I believed. There are a few very smart spring straw hats showing now trimmed with velvet.

of tools. Each car requires a driver who steers it and a mechanic who pushes it with his hands. Community pushmobile races have proved a popular sport among boys.

THE PRODIGAL DAUGHTER.

[By H. V. MORTON.]

There are two ways of writing an article about the Prodigal Daughter. One is the solemn what-is-to-become-of-her type of article, and the other, which is possibly more artistic, is just to describe her and leave her fate decently to the imagination.

The Prodigal Daughter begins as a perfectly sweet girl. No one suspects the depths of prodigality lurking beneath her slightly consumptive exterior. The best kind of prodigal daughter lives in the country in a large, draughty Georgian mansion, and inherits, at least on the distaff side, an unbroken tradition of vigorous

No one in a gentle English shire sees the humour of this. Such is the penalty of Empire.

The first hint of daughterly prodigality comes from the Canary Islands. Lady C. talking:— "Isn't it perfectly remarkable! They went there for health, you know. Hermione's chest was never too strong. Of course, Sir George, who is a perfect dear, had no idea that anything was wrong. The man was a gentleman, although a Spaniard. They danced together, it's true. Sir George didn't like it, of course, but the man was, or said he was, a count. Then, my dear, an elopement."

trees, foreign noblemen, alien go-betweens, and all the stock scenery of an Oppenheim novel. (The things that happen to a really determined Prodigal Daughter in places like Spain, Madeira, Malta, and Egypt make Edgar Wallace seem almost tongue-tied.)

Sir George plays the part of the father in Latin comedy. He dares about the world full of good form, helping Hermione out of situations in which she requires no assistance. And even the loyalty of her own kith wits at last, because society will endure almost anything but blatancy.

The Prodigal Daughter then lives alone in a London flat, smoking too many cigarettes. Sometimes Sir George is seen making one of his gallant attempts to persuade her to live up to the family traditions. But she merely extends her bare arm to its fullest extent and pats the ash of her cigarette over his spats, as she says wistfully:

"You poor darling! This is 1929. I must live my own life."

He then tries to starve her home. He stops her allowance. This drives her into a swift, cinematographic progress through the professions. One week she is a chorus girl, the next a mannequin, the next a dress designer, the next a paragraphist. There is a half-written novel lying about her flat which begins: "The moon was big over Sunbayo Harbour. Elise, lying full length in a cane chair on the verandah, wondered who the stranger was, the man with hungry eyes."

She is subject to long and unexplained absences, and, returning, tells astounding stories about ball-fights in Madrid. They are so good that no one believes them.

One day Sir George comes up to town in a hurry because he hears that the prodigal is an evidently well-clothed dance instructor in the Black Panther Club. By this time a brokenhearted baronet firmly believes that it is all his fault. She lacked a mother's care! Like all members of his Majesty's forces he is dramatic in grief. He talks to her like a novelette. He promises to have the tiger skins and the assagais removed from the hall. If only she will return the old home shall be redecorated from top to bottom.

"You're a funny old fish, dad," she says, in the argot of the Tottenham Court-road.

This cuts him to the heart. Months later when she marries an elderly bankrupt peer he tries hard to believe that blood, though it may be a long time dormant, will still be in the end. But by this time the fatted calf is higher than any version.

"So she's married!" "It's not as bad as that. Sir George heard of it, and caught them in the steamer. He threatened to horsewhip the dreadful man. Poor Hermione... she was always so nervous and highly strung."

morality. It is for the psychoanalyst to decide to what extent her subsequent break from tradition is due to an early youth spent under the bleak and virtuous stare of ancestors by Lely and Romney.

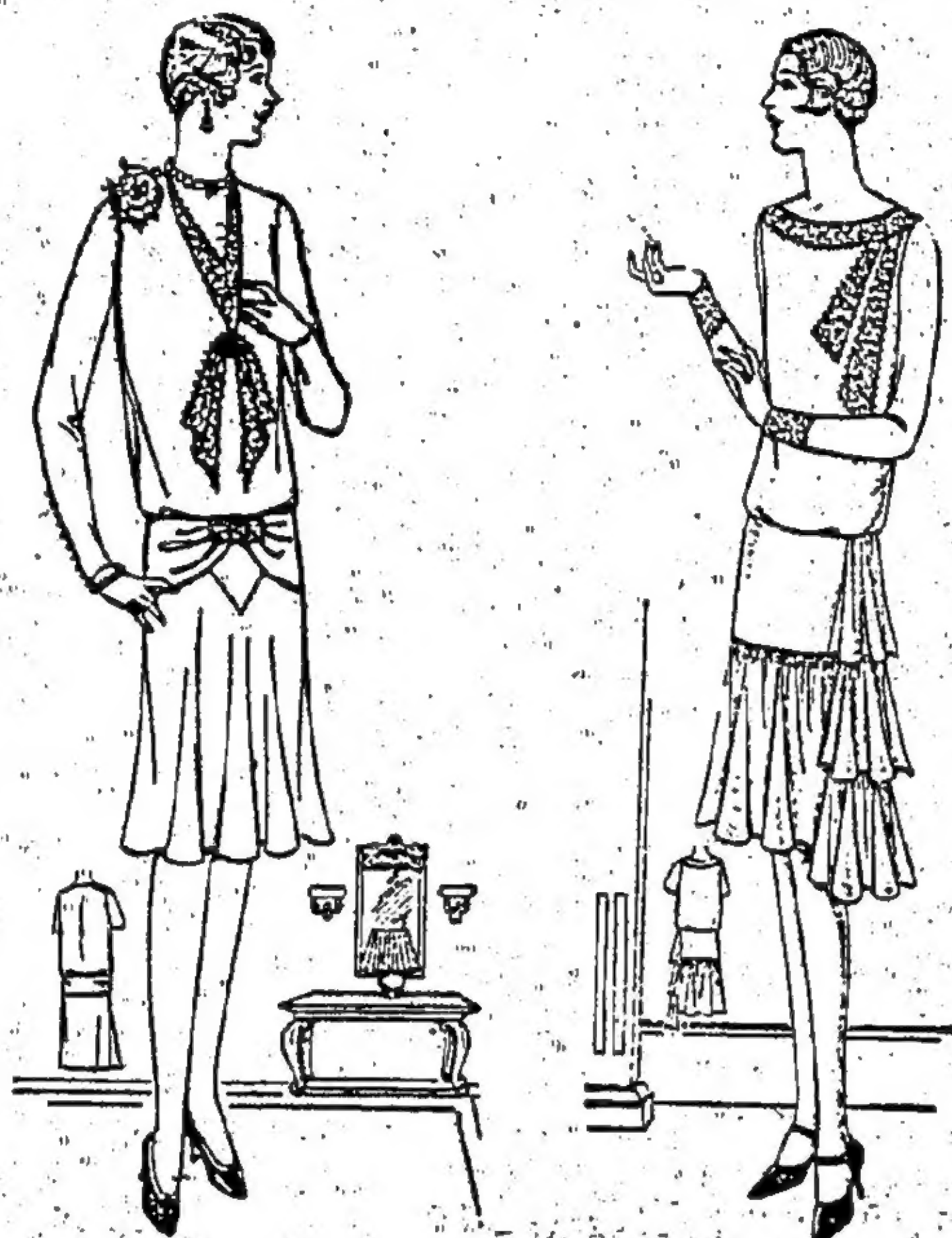
Her father, an English Samurai *vis* Sandhurst, is one of those blundering baronets who at distant intervals complicate club life, and at other times go about the world in an ex-service reverie, proving to the most sceptical that Kipling is true. He takes his rich but tedious fund of reminiscence—and also an enlarged liver—into all the best houses in the county.

He is a man of childlike simplicity in all matters unrelated to genealogy, elephant guns, polo, and the habits of the mongoose. His mind is like one of those incredible taxidermist's shops which are generally to be found in some sedate and utterly unexpected region full of grinning masks and long half-moons of ivory.

It leaks out in time that, so far from being the victim of a piece of Latin coddishness, Hermione was the leading character in her own elopement. A girl who was in the same hotel whispers to all her friends, who repeat it in louder tones to others, who begin to shout it, that Hermione used to climb out of her window at night to meet her captive count; and that she herself, wilfully sweeping aside his desperate attempt to lead a quiet life, decide to run away with him, undeterred by the fact that he had already a wife and family in Barcelona.

Thus her prodigality begins in the "exotic atmosphere which becomes peculiar to her: palm

ALCON LACE TRIMS NEW NECKLINES.



Even Alcon lace is being used now to trim the neck lines of afternoon frocks and gives a particularly happy finish when the wearer is not quite so young.

The hip lines of these two frocks, both of which are intended to be carried out in crepe satin, are also interesting. That on the left has a snug fitting waisted hip yoke fastening with a jewelled buckle, while the triple tier cascade on the other dress is an excellent way of giving length to the silhouette.

PIJAMA ENSEMBLE.



A three piece pajama ensemble in black crepe de chine. The trimmings are of watermelon green satin.

FLOWERS.

There are some delightful flowers now to be found in LANE, CRAWFORD'S. The window, when I passed yesterday, was filled with bright coloured posies to wear on coats or spring suits. Most of them are real country button-holes, daisies, butter cups, seed pods, corn flowers, violets, and snow drops, all the dear little humble flowers of the Home land.

For the evening more exotic blooms are the rule. Bunches of velvet flowers in bright colours with long silver streamers, and wonderful silver tipped flowers of silk and gauze. There are some big roses of black velvet-edged with silver which would be exceedingly smart on a black and white or all black gown.

AN UMBRELLA SKIRT.

PAMELA is showing some delightful summer evening frocks in georgette and flowered nylon which have just arrived. One of the latter is cut almost on picture lines with a long skirt edged with a deep hem of black net. The nylon is black printed with a pink, green, and blue flower pattern, and the skirt is of the new umbrella shape.

These Children Of Ours.

Making a pushmobile will combine handicraft and sport for the boy. The pushmobile is a miniature automobile made with four wheels attached to a chassis from five to seven feet long, two axles and a little lumber or box wood. The steering gear may be constructed of an extra wheel, a piece of broom handle, a couple of nails and a short piece of rope or wire. Wheels for the pushmobile may often be obtained from an old go-cart which is no longer fit for use.

The following are some suggestions which may be used in contriving other pushmobile parts: For a radiator; wire mesh, or old scrubbing board. For radiator cap: a spool, tin can, or old door knob. For motor hood: barrel hoops, small nail keg, butter tub, tin, cloth, or wood. For exhaust: piece of pipe on side of car. For lights: coffee tin covers and glass door-knobs. For crank: handle to old ice-cream freezer. For seat: a butter tub or small box. Accessories: small box (Continued on previous Column.)

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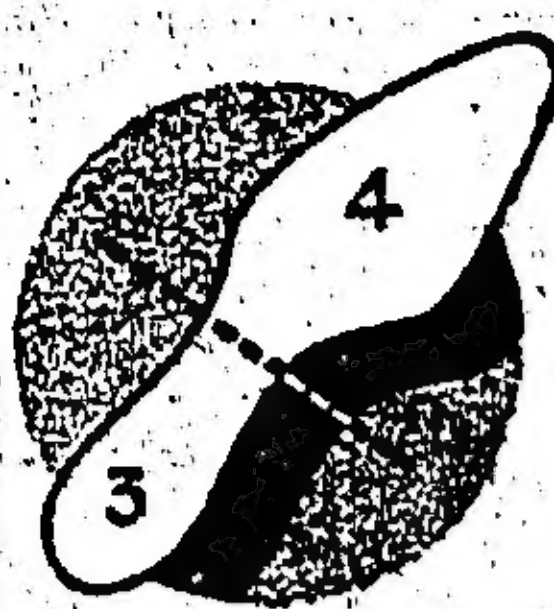
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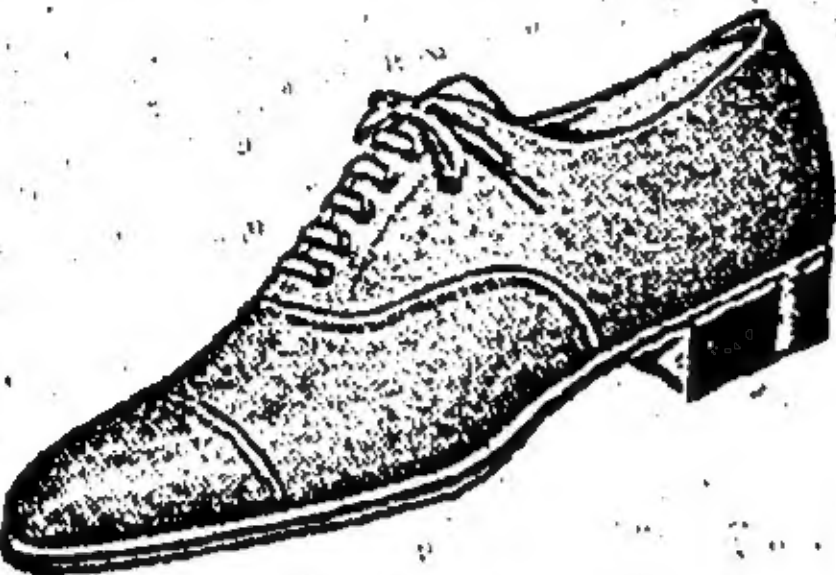
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BISHOP OF VICTORIA REVIEWS RELIGIOUS
PROBLEMS OF TO-DAY.

THE QUESTION OF ORGANISATION.

The Bishop of Victoria (Bishop C. R. Duppuy) presided over the meeting of the Church of England Diocesan Conference, held in the St. John's Cathedral Hall yesterday afternoon. He was supported by the Dean (Very Rev. A. Swan), and other clergy present were the Revs. N. W. Halward, W. W. Rogers, A. D. Stewart, G. E. Carpenter, E. K. Quick, W. T. Featherstone, G. T. Waldegrave, C. B. Shann, C. I. Blanchett and G. H. Hewitt. The laity were represented by Lady Pollock, Mrs. Duppuy, Mrs. Rogers, Miss Robinson, Miss Mow Fung, Lieut.-Col. Christian, Professor L. Forster, Messrs. W. L. Pattenden, P. Jacks, W. Jackson, R. Baldwin, Ashton Hill, and L. B. Wood.

The main business of the Conference was to discuss the Resolution, "That the new Constitution of the Church of England Diocesan Conference, as circulated, be adopted," together with alterations and amendments as set forth before the members.

THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

A BACKGROUND FOR THE CONFERENCE.

The Bishop, in his opening address, said—
"Brethren of the Clergy and of the Laity: It is my privilege to bid you welcome to this Conference. In the nature of things it can only be a small one, but I would remind you that the influence of a Conference need never be in proportion to its size. We are to consider two main points: the constitution of the Conference itself and the Church of England Trust Ordinance with all the points that arise in connection therewith. Before we come to consider these I want to suggest a background in the light of which we should approach these subjects."

Vast Changes Taking Place in the World.

Vast changes are taking place in the world around us. Vast changes are taking place in the Church; and if our Church work out here is to be well done it must be related to the general trend of things.

The Duke of Wellington moved his armies at the same rate and by much the same means as Julius Caesar. But within a few years all has changed and to-day in Hong Kong you can actually hear (by means of wireless) a human voice speaking in London quicker than the people listening to him in the same hall. And all round about us are myriads of such unused energies. The very changes that are taking place in the world constitute a glorious challenge to us as a Church.

Three Movements in the Church Life.

In particular, there are three movements in the Church's life to which I wish to refer—

(1) The movement towards unity as reflected in the Lausanne Conference on Faith and Order in 1927.

(2) The movement towards self-consciousness in the younger Churches of the Orient as reflected in the Jerusalem Conference held last Holy Week.

(3) The movement towards administrative reform within our Church as reflected by the Enabling Act of 1919.

Each of these movements, it seems to me, will have very far reaching effects.

To-day I shall only touch on each of these in the broadest possible outline.

The Movement Towards Unity.

Long ago our Master warned us that a house divided against itself cannot stand. Unquestionably at the present time we are a house divided against ourselves. The vision, which as we believe, our Lord is setting before us at the present time points the way to reunion: that way may not be short but we believe it will be sure. And the union which we seek must be a union of the whole body of Christians and not simply a partial union.

And in such a union we must not do violence to one another's consciences. Somehow our Catholic and Protestant ideals must be reconciled and harmonised in a wider whole in the recognition that true Catholicism, true Christianity, is wider than any of our existing traditions. There are some words by Bishop Gore bearing on this written in the *English Times* in August 1927 which will bear the closest study. I would ask you to follow me carefully as I read them—

"I am sure that all must recognise with great thankfulness that there was in the Lausanne Conference an effective movement towards the spirit of God directing towards unity."

"The emergent ideal of the Conference was excellently described by Dr. Headlam: It is the ideal of a Church Universal united in (1) a common faith taught in Holy Scripture, handed down and safeguarded in the Nicene and Apostles' Creeds and confirmed in the experience of the Church; united also in the (2) use of common sacraments and in (3) acceptance of a common ministry which must be universally recognised; agreeing also that that ministry

must be an episcopal ministry—a ministry based on episcopal ordination—though it must also recognise, side by side with the Episcopate, the position of the Presbyterate and of the Congregation. No Anglican can easily object to the provision that the acceptance of the Episcopate should not be understood to involve more than that Episcopacy is of the *beneficium* of the Church, for whatever many of us believe, and whatever is contained in the general tradition of the Church, no more is required in our communion. On this basis of common agreement room must be found for very considerable diversities of faith and practice; and the reunited church must be large and comprehensive enough to contain all the treasures of experience which have given their strength to the various non-episcopal communions. Here, I think, we get to the heart of the matter. The Conference will bear fruit exactly as those it represents acknowledge that true Catholicism is wider and more comprehensive than anything embodied in any single communion, or, more generally, that there is a true witness borne by the different Protestant communions which Catholicism, as commonly understood, needs for its own sake and has in history failed to realise, and, on the other hand, that Protestantism needs to make its own what has been the strength and glory of Catholicism. The real question is—will the different communions deliberately set themselves to acknowledge their own limitations and encourage themselves in the recognition that the true Catholicism, or the true Christianity, is something larger and wider than any one of the existing traditions. This will involve a great effort, for example on the part of the orthodox churches of the East, or of the Protestant communions of Europe and America, but we believe it is an effort which the best men of all the separated communions are prepared to make; and what they have to do is to educate their own people."

You remember that the Lambeth Conference of Bishops issued an appeal for unity to all Christian people when last they met in 1920. I cannot help feeling that at the Lambeth Conference of 1930 this subject of reunion will be even more crucial, for much has happened during these intervening years.

"Movement Towards Self-consciousness in the Younger Churches."

The emergence and the vigour of the younger Churches of the Orient—this, I think, was a dominant feature in the World Missionary Conference held in Jerusalem last Easter.

The development of these younger churches throughout the world is quite a modern product and must inevitably affect the relationship between the younger and the older churches; the younger churches, assuming more and more responsibility as they grow in strength.

Already readjustments have been made in this Diocese during the past months, and all missionaries of the Church Missionary Society in this Diocese (with the exception of those working in Educational Institutions for which the Society is responsible to the Education Department of the Hong Kong Government) have been brought under the direction of the Diocesan Board of Missions of the Synod of the Chinese Church, seven of the members of which are Chinese and six are British.

India, China and Japan.

This growth of the younger churches again brings up the question of unity. At present churches of unity, and Christians in India, China and Japan have to face the question whether they will enjoy the narrower fellowship of their particular church or the wider fellowship of their nation; and this at a time when Christianity is fighting for its very existence in these countries. Obviously the thing is wrong.

Archbishop Temple in an article he contributed to the *Jerusalem Conference* to the "Church Overseas" last July states the case very clearly; will you mark closely his words—

"The problem of unity is desperately urgent. If we leave that problem alone the Christians of India and of China will have to choose between international and inter-denominational unity; of the two I am convinced that international unity is the more important. But it will be a desperately hard choice for them, and we must strain every nerve, and even every principle, to find the way by which they may unite for the battle on their own fields, without finding that they have thereby broken their connections with Christians elsewhere. The problem is hard, but it must be solved. It will be solved if we are utterly dedicated to the service of God in the fellowship of Christ's sufferings and in the power of His Resurrection."

Administrative Reform Within the Church of England.

Some of you may think these other movements touch us only indirectly but I am persuaded that they will touch us more and more. This movement towards administrative reform touches us more immediately in the subjects which will come before us in this Conference.

You will remember that the Conventions of the Church of England are older than Parliament, but you will remember also that from 1717 to 1852 (more than 130 years) neither House of Convocation met and that it was not till 1860 that the Northern House met again. It is only of more recent years that administrative reform in the Church of England has been seriously taken up.

By the passing of the Enabling Act, ten years ago, every member of our church of 18 years of age and over was, for the first time in history, given the opportunity of participating in the regulation of the Church's affairs by the establishment of electoral rolls, parochial church councils, and the national assembly of the Church of England.

To-day and to-morrow we are to consider how best this principle can be applied among ourselves, so that each member of the Church may make a creative contribution to the Church's life.

And in doing this again I hope we shall be taking a step towards unity. Because what has been suggested as a uniting bond in the Christian Family is an episcopacy which is at once historic and constitutional, a union in which all that is best in both the Presbyterian and Congregational systems are preserved. Resolutions 8 and 9 on the subject of the Ministry of the Report of the Joint Conference of Free Church and Anglican representatives held at Lambeth Palace in May, 1922, read as follows—

"In view of the fact that the Episcopate was from early times and for many centuries accepted, and by the greater part of Christendom is still accepted, as the means whereby this authority of the whole body is given, we agree that it ought to be accepted as such for the United Church of the future."

"Similarly, in view of the place which the Council of Presbyters and the Congregation of the faithful had in the constitution of the early Church, and the preservation of these elements of presbyteral and congregational order in large sections of Christendom, we agree that they should be maintained with a representative and constitutional Episcopate as permanent elements in the order and life of the United Church."

I trust that during our time together we may catch some truer vision of what Christ's Church on earth both locally and throughout the world may become.

The Goal of Progress.

I have been speaking of changes and movement, but if I may re-echo the words of another there can be no progress except towards a goal that is fixed. For us that goal is Christ, and all progress is found in a return to Him, for however far we move onwards we find He is still our Leader. Our goal is Jesus Christ crucified, ascended, reigning, Jesus Christ preaching love and living as He preached, Jesus Christ an actual Person who is Himself the living God.

THE RESOLUTION.

The resolution to be considered by the Conference was then introduced by the Dean, who in his prefatory remarks, said that the Conference had not met for the past five years. For some time it had been felt that changes in its constitution would be of benefit, and in June of last year the question again cropped up, and was referred to the Bishop.

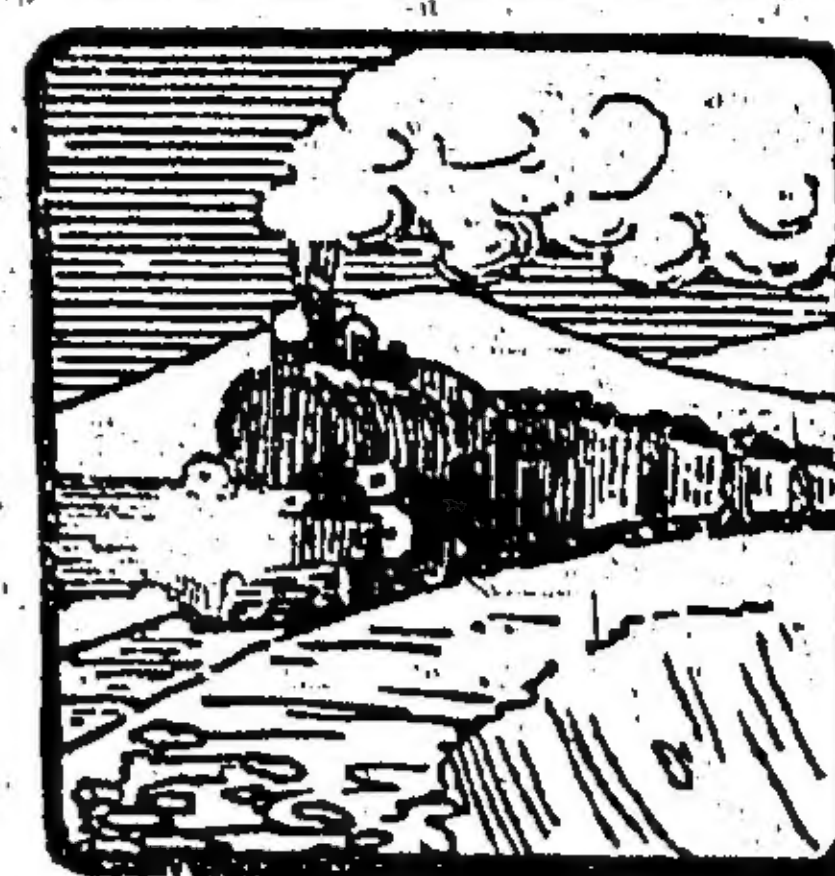
The old constitution gave them a Conference that was without power. It was now considered that power and authority to deal with Diocesan matters were required.

It had long been hoped that the Victorian Diocesan Association and the C.M.A. might be amalgamated, so as to carry on their good work. With a number of bodies such as were now in existence there was a possibility of activities overlapping.

The Dean then read out the proposed new constitution, explaining each clause in detail.

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PRISONER FOUND WRITING ONE OF THEM.

Documents found on the second floor of No. 15, Bowring Road, when police officers executed a search warrant on the premises were produced in court when a Chinese was charged before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistrate's Court yesterday afternoon with possession of seditious literature.

Translations of the documents revealed efforts to belittle the Hong Kong Government and Chinese members of the Legislative Council.

Detective-Sergeant O'Donovan stated in evidence that when he entered a rear cubicle on the floor the defendant was seated at a table writing one of the documents. When witness seized him he struggled and tore the paper on which he was writing. A search brought to light other papers, some of which were in the pocket of a jacket hanging on the wall. Witness added that this jacket was of the same cloth as the trousers worn by the defendant.

Defendant said that the cubicle he was in was rented by another man who had left the floor shortly before the police came in, after giving him permission to sit there and read a book, as he had no light in his own bed space. He denied ownership of the documents and the jacket. The papers found by the police, he said, were lying on the window sill, and he was not aware of their presence.

His Worship recorded a conviction and deferred sentence till 10.30 a.m. next Monday.

Rev. C. B. Shann, seconding the resolution, said that the Conference had been dormant for some time, due primarily to lack of power. Finance was the key to power, therefore it was necessary to give financial authority to the newly revived organisation.

Only a central body could wisely review the whole field, budget and call for quotas to meet all needs.

It was not intended to take away anything from the powers or activities of the V.D.A. or the C.M.A., though it was hoped that these bodies would pass their donations (earmarked if necessary) through the Diocesan Conference.

A preliminary resolution, stating the terms of reference of the Conference was then considered. The Conference, it stated, was "to deliberate on all matters that concern the welfare and progress of the Church of England in the diocese and to make such provision in respect to those matters as according to the ruling of the Bishop may be within the competency of the Conference."

This clause, together with provisions as to membership and meetings were carried, it being voted that, the Conference should hold its annual meeting in February or March.

Upon a later clause, as to the composition and powers of the Executive Council of the Conference, some discussion ensued when the Rev. W. W. Rogers brought up the question as to the precise scope of the V.D.A. and similar organizations.

The President, after various changes in the wording of the clause had been suggested and dealt with, stated that the matter would be better left over for the time being. It could be dealt with at the next meeting, before any further resolutions were put forward.

The meeting accordingly stood adjourned until 5.15 to-day.

THE WATER SUPPLY.

ENOUGH FOR THREE MONTHS?

EXPENDITURE IN FEBRUARY A LITTLE LESS.

The Public Works Department Water Return for the month of February shows a total storage in the Island reservoirs of 636.86 million gallons.

The supply at the end of January was 603.89 million gallons. The reduction in supply is, therefore, 177.03 million gallons, compared with 184 million gallons in January, 1928 in December and 183 in November. There is, therefore, nominally a three months' supply at the present rate of expenditure.

Kowloon has a reservoir supply of 90.03 compared with 340.17, a reduction of 50.03. The consumption was 90.12, which shows that the springs and what rain has fallen accounts for 40 million gallons. Kowloon therefore has nearly six months' supply in hand, at the present rate of expenditure, providing the springs do not fail. It will be seen, however, that Kowloon has no unlimited supply.

The figures for the month are as follows—

CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS.

	1928.	1929.
Tytam	11' 10"	16' 1"
Tytam Byewash	26' 8"	25' 5"
Tytam Intermediate	27' 11"	2' 8"
Tytam Tuk	38' 6"	79' 1"
Wong Nei Chung	30' 4"	31' 8"
Pokfulam	20' 7"	27' 7"

The figures are the depth of the surface in feet and inches below overflow level.

Storage in Millions and Decimals of Gallons.

	1928.	1929.
Tytam	291.70	262.24
Tytam Byewash .....	.29	.57
Tytam Intermediate	72.37	181.10
Tytam Tuk	650.02	168.33
Wong Nei Chung	8.62	3.39
Pokfulam	23.25	11.36

Total

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of February.

	1928.	1929.
Consumption	204.54	176.65
Estimated population	419,660	429,880
Consumption per head per day	16.8	14.6

Intermittent supply in all Rider Main Districts, during February, 1929. Services to houses in the Rider Main Districts were disconnected and a supply was given by public street fountains only during February, 1929, excepting three days (8th-10th inclusive) a full supply was given on account of Chinese New Year.

KOWLOON WATER WORKS.

	1928.	1929.
Sheklapui Reservoir	9' 4"	4' 11"
Reception Reservoir	0' 8"	3' 1"
Kowloon Reservoir	8' 10"	21' 3"

Feet and inches below overflow.

Storage in Millions and Decimals of Gallons.

	1928.	1929.
Kowloon Reservoir	264.78	168.02
Sheklapui Reservoir	106.88	96.91
Reception Reservoir	31.39	25.15

Total

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of February.

	1928.	1929.
Consumption	84.59	90.12
Estimated population	164,020	160,060
Consumption per head per day	16.6	19.0

Full supply in all districts during February 1928 and 1929.

The Government Analyst's reports show that the quality of the water is satisfactory.

Total rainfall to February 28th was 1.52 inches compared with 5.45 in 1928.

THE WHAMPOA SCHEME.

NO FUNDS AVAILABLE.
MANAGER OF COMPANY
RESIGNS.
REFUSAL OF ANOTHER POST?

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, March 7th.
The proposed development of Whampoa as a deep-sea port has not made much progress. It will be remembered that this project was supported by the late Dr. Sun Yat Sen, and when M. Borodin was in power at Canton, he planned to dredge the Pearl River, from Fort Bocca Tigris to Whampoa, so that large ocean-going liners could use the latter place at all states of the tide.

The Whampoa Development Company was organised, and it was estimated that a capital of \$20,000,000 was needed, of which the Government should supply half. The other half was to have come from local and overseas Chinese. Rival calls on their generosity have, however, been heavy and the few hundred thousand dollars subscribed has been on deposit in the Bank of China.

Recently Mr. Li Lu Chao, managing-director of the Company, went to Nanking with a view to obtaining funds for this purpose from Mr. Sun Fo, the Minister of Communications. But no money was forthcoming.

MR. LI LU CHAO DIS-HEARTENED.

Mr. Li, who is a great enthusiast for the scheme, returned to Canton very disheartened and has sent his resignation to the Canton Political Council. This was accepted, as the Council saw no use in continuing the Office, and the money concerned has been turned over to the Reconstruction Department. Practically no support was received from overseas Chinese who are afraid to invest money in Kwangtung owing to the frequent political changes.

Mr. Li Lu Chao has returned to his native village in the Chung Shan district. He is a member of the Committee which is to develop Chung Shan, the birth place of Dr. Sun Yat Sen, as a model district. The latest reports are that he has been offered the post of Chief Magistrate at Chung Shan, but that he has refused to accept.

CANTON'S HONEST WATCHMAN.

HOW HE RESISTED A
RELATIVE.

SHARE OF \$24,000 REFUSED.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, March 7th.
A big robbery at the Head Office of the Canton-Hankow Railway was frustrated early this morning by the loyalty and presence of mind of a watchman on duty.

Ah Tim, an office boy, succeeded at the early hour of 5 a.m. in opening the office safe, and abstracting \$24,000 Central Bank of Canton notes. Tim could easily have escaped but he tried to persuade the watchman, who was his brother-in-law, to leave with him and accept a part of the stolen money.

But the watchman refused, and sternly reminded his erring relative of the consequences of his crime. Then he told Ah Tim to put the money back. This made Ah Tim very angry, and not only did he refuse, but he drew a dagger and ordered the watchman to go with him. The watchman obeyed but as they went along the street he was able to notify a passing policeman that something was wrong. Ah Tim at once threw away the money and tried to escape, but he was quickly caught and taken to the Police Station. All the money was picked up and not a cent was missing.

MISAPPLIED ABILITY.

Subsequent investigation by Canton's detectives showed that Ah Tim had served the Yuet-Han Railway for several years and had always been honest. He was, however, exceedingly clever with clocks and watches. Also, unbeknown to any one he was equally skilful with locks and keys. He used his talent to make a key which gave him access to a small safe. This safe had nothing of value in itself but it contained the key to a larger safe where the Railway's money was deposited. He had locked both safes after the theft, and everything appeared to be in order when he left.

His only mistake was his attempt to do his brother-in-law a good turn!

A BUDDHIST FANATIC.

TRAGIC END IN KWANG-
TUNG VILLAGE.

SEQUEL TO A "VISION."

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, March 7th.

In contrast to the war of the up-to-date Nationalist patriots on China's religious belief comes a strange and tragic story of fanaticism from the Toy Shan district of Kwangtung.

In a certain village a young lady of good birth and education, and a devout Buddhist, conducted a school with 19 girl students. She was well-known in the district for her accomplishments and for her devotion to the cause of women's emancipation.

So far as the story can be reconstructed from her pupils, it appears that one day, while giving the usual instruction she fell into a trance in which she had a vision of Buddha himself. Buddha told her that she was destined to be remembered as the great emancipator of Chinese women, that by one act she could free all Celestial women and gain for herself a place in the Buddhist Paradise.

When she asked what she should do the figure of her vision told her she was to hang herself from the ceiling of her schoolroom. She woke from the trance in a fever of enthusiasm with which she proceeded to imbue her unfortunate pupils. Such was her eloquence that she prevailed on them to accompany her to the Buddhist Heaven by precisely the same route as herself.

Twenty hooks were bought and screwed into the roof of the school building. Then they obtained a coil of rope, cut it, and hung the nooses from the hooks.

PARENTS INTERVENE.

On the eve of the day, "named by Buddha" the girls went home to say goodbye to their parents. They made no secret about their intention, the "arrangements" and the promised rewards. The bewildered parents, though not believing what was said, wisely decided in most cases to be on the safe side and kept the girls at home, locked up!

When the morning came the teacher found only three of her pupils at the school. They, however, carried out their intention, and repeating passages from the Buddhist scriptures, they put the ropes round their necks and hanged themselves.

They were found late the same afternoon, when the bodies were cut down, and, needless to say the school is now closed, and the school building haunted.

OFF TO NANKING.

MORE CANTON DELEGATES
"PACKING THEIR BAGS."

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, March 7th.

General Chen Ming Shu, Chairman of the Kwangtung Provincial Government, General Hsu King Tong, Commander of the 5th Army, and General Chen Tsai Tong, Commander of the 4th Army, are reported to be leaving almost at once for Nanking to attend the Kuomintang Congress. During General Chen's absence the Provincial Government will be carried on by Mr. Wu Koon Ki. Until the delegates return there will be no meeting of the Canton Political Council unless some serious matter arises.

Mr. Fan Ki Mu, Financial Officer for Kwangtung and Superintendent of Canton Customs, and Mr. Kin Tsang Shing, Chief Secretary of the Canton Political Council, left Canton on Wednesday morning for Hong Kong by the gunboat Hai Fu.

CHINESE WOMEN'S UNION.

TO ASSIST "MASS EDUCATION
MOVEMENT."

The newly-organised Chinese Women's Union of Peking has decided to concentrate its efforts upon assisting the Mass Education Movement, designed to teach every Chinese to read and write. The Union now has more than 700 members, which include Government workers, factory employees, and married women.

Plans have been completed to open a mass-education school in Peking, using the buildings of a deserted university, where members of the Union will teach all those who desire to learn to read and write, without charge.

MAJOR-GENERAL C. C. LUARD.

YESTERDAY'S FAREWELL
SCENES.

AN EXTREMELY POPULAR
PERSONALITY.

ROUSING CHEERS FROM
TROOPS.

A tribute to the valuable services rendered to the Colony by Major-General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G., was paid by H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.) and endorsed by Council Members at yesterday afternoon's meeting of the Legislative Council. Major-General Luard, the retiring General Officer Commanding, South China Command, had left for England a few hours earlier, accompanied by Mrs. Luard and Miss Luard. They sailed aboard the transport Dorsetshire.

The departing General had been very popular with the units under his Command and a prominent figure in the public life of the Colony. Mrs. Luard and Miss Luard have been great workers on behalf of educational, charitable and other activities, and were very popular indeed with the wives and children of the N.C.O.'s and men of the Command. It was natural, therefore, that a large gathering should see them off and bid them a cordial farewell.

Farewells at Queen's Pier.

Members of the Executive and Legislative Councils, heads of Government Departments, Officers of the Royal Navy, the Army, the Royal Air Force, Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, members of the various Consulates and others assembled at the gayly decorated Queen's Pier at 11 o'clock in the morning. Many ladies had also gathered and joined in the greetings accorded to Mrs. Luard and Miss Luard, who were the first to arrive.

A detachment of troops drawn up alongside the sea wall opposite Statue Square were called to attention as Major-General Luard arrived, accompanied by Major W. F. Hanna, M.C. (General Staff Officer), Major J. F. Whitacre, Allen, M.C. (D.A.A. and Q.M.G.), and Lieut. R. Q. F. Johnston (A.D.C.). The General then bid good-bye and good luck to the many officers and non-commissioned officers, shaking them warmly by the hand.

Opposite Queen's Pier, the Guard of Honour, drawn from the 2nd Battalion the King's Own Scottish Borderers, presented arms, while the Band played the General Salute. After inspection of the Guard, more hand shakes, and a few parting words to the general body of troops, the General entered the Pier, chatting with the many gathered there, who wished the General, Mrs. and Miss Luard, a safe voyage and good luck.

As the launch "Victoria" left the pier, the Band struck up "Auld Lang Syne" which was taken up by the Band of H.M.S. Suffolk as the launch passed, the General saluting the personnel on the gunboats in the Naval Anchorage, while the troops ashore gave loud and prolonged cheers.

Scenes at Holt's Wharf.

On arrival of the party at Holt's Wharf, they were greeted by a large party of Army and Navy officers, their families, and many civilians. His Excellency the Governor and party boarded the vessel shortly before noon, the Band playing the opening bars of the National Anthem from the deck.

The full Band of the 1st Battalion the Queen's Royal Regiment, with the Band of the Punjab Regiment and bagpipers then rendered selections in turn, the wharf resounding with echoes of the bugles joined at intervals with the drums. As the transport began to move away from the wharf at 12.30 p.m., the Queen's Band rendered "For Auld Lang Syne" and three rousing cheers were raised by British and Indian troops and the big assembly on the wharf.

A few minutes later Signal Hill Battery fired a salute of 13 guns. Major-General Luard, who had been standing with Mrs. and Miss Luard beside him on a part of the lower bridge, waving farewells, stood at the salute until the firing had ceased. They were still standing there exchanging greetings until the ship moved into the stream. Nine airplanes passed over the ship in formation of three, and making a detour over the land they came again over the transport as she was heading for Lyonnau Pass.

Earlier in the morning the 1st Battalion the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment embarked for India. They created lively interest as they marched from the Shamshuipo Camp, headed by the Band, through streets lined by interested crowds.

(Continued on next Column).

CORRESPONDENCE.

RATIONALISM AND
CHRISTIANITY.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

Sir,—The confused and angry tone of Satriev's letter shows that Father Byrne's defence of Christianity has gone home.

Pointing out that Rationalists are still using arguments which their own experts have abandoned, Father Byrne draws the logical conclusion that either local Rationalists are ill-informed, or else they are trying to palm off discredited "explanations" of Christianity. We all know the Church's mistakes in the past, her persecutions, her slowness to grasp new ideas. Most of us also know what we owe to the Church of the Dark and Middle Ages. As to the Church's participation in the world-wide astronomy of the Jesuits is itself an atonement.

Rationalists had better keep very quiet about persecution. Christendom abandoned persecution in the 17th century. Rationalism, when it got the upper hand in Russia, promptly revived it. Torquemada and the Inquisition are pigmies beside Lenin and the Cheka!

But this is incidental. Christianity stands on the life and teaching of its Founder. Rationalists have tried to show that the Gospels, like the Buddhist Scriptures, are "late traditions." Scholarship at first supported them. Now a more careful scholarship has let them down by going back to the traditional date. One wonders if Satriev knows better than Harnack on this point!

Christ's teaching is reasonable, sensible, and hard as nails. It pillories the more unpleasant human weaknesses, particularly cupidity, selfishness and intolerance.

There lies the base of the peculiar hatred which it has aroused from the beginning. But it goes on, as its Founder said it would, hated and yet "leavening the whole world." Attempts to explain Christianity's origin as "myth" or "delusion," simply break down; such theories won't fit the known facts.

One of the sarcastic things said by Christ Himself about the Rationalists of His own day was: "By their fruits ye shall know them." We all know the direct fruits of Christianity in this Colony—the Church Schools of the different sects, the Y.M.C.A., the Matilda Hospital, the Home for the Aged Poor at Kowloon, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

We also know the fruits of Rationalism; little tea parties at Lane, Crawford's, and letters like those of Satriev—Yours, etc.

R.B.

Hong Kong, March 7th, 1929.

G.O.C.'s FAREWELL COMMAND.

The following Special Order was issued from Headquarters:—

"On handing over the South China Command to Major-General J. W. Sandilands, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., the G.O.C. would express his appreciation of the loyal support and assistance received from all ranks in their respective spheres. To his staff and Heads of Services and Departments he is especially grateful for the help and co-operation received from every branch. He congratulates Commanding Officers on the state of efficiency they have brought their Battalions and Units to, and keenness and energy shown by all.

"He relinquishes the Command with great regret and wishes everyone in it the best of luck in the future."

MAJOR-GENERAL LUARD'S CAREER.

Major-General Charles Carmac Luard, C.B., C.M.G., was born in 1877, the son of the late Lieut. General R. G. A. Luard, C.B., and he is a brother of Admiral John Scott Luard, C.B., retired. He arrived in Hong Kong in February, 1923, succeeding Major-General Sir John Fowler as G.O.C. A member of an old naval and military family he served from 1895 to 1916 in the Durham Light Infantry, and later in the Indian Army.

His active service record includes the Zho Valley Expedition, 1890-01, as Assistant-Superintendent of Signalling; the South African War, 1900-02, when he commanded the Burma Mounted Infantry.

In the European War he served on the staff, and as brigade commander against the Swatiks and Molmunde and other tribesmen of the North-West Frontier. In the closing phases of the war he commanded a brigade in Mesopotamia (mentioned in despatches three times 1914-18). Star, British Medal, Victory Medal, C.B. and C.M.G.). He was promoted major-general on New Year's Day 1923.

THE NEW G.O.C.

The new General Officer Commanding, who arrived here on February 20th, is Major-General J. W. Sandilands, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.

Since 1898 he has seen active service in Egypt, the South African War, and in the European War, serving with the 2nd Cameron Highlanders. He was appointed Military Attaché at The Hague in 1924 and later to the same post at Berlin.

EXCHANGE CONTRACT CASE.

YESTERDAY'S HEARING.

ELDON POTTER, K.C., ON THE BANK'S OBLIGATIONS.

The exchange contract case was continued yesterday in the Supreme Court before the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan).

During the morning session Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C. (instructed by Messrs. Russ & Co.) continued his address to the Court for the defence.

The claim is made by the Banque Industrielle de Chine against the Tuen Kee Hong for \$11,554.78 damages plus 8 per cent. interest, arising out of alleged breach of a contract for the purchase of 210,000 sterling at exchange 25. 3/4, telegraphic transfer on London not later than July 31st, 1921.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin (instructed by Messrs. Deacons) is for plaintiffs.

Mr. Eldon Potter argued that when the Bank shut its doors there was no obligation on the part of the defendant to request them to send a telegram to the London office for the purpose of carrying out the contract.

He emphasised that the Bank had agreed to be ready and willing for the whole of the period of the contract, July, 1921, to do their part, and it was a useless formality for the defendant to go there and ask for the telegram to be sent after the doors had been closed.

Counsel then dealt with the question of the Bank doors being opened on the next day but one, pointing out that such a fact might be offered in mitigation of damages, but it did not alter the fact that the Bank had broken the contract by closing its doors. It was a serious undertaking and if such an undertaking were wiped out, then there was no value in exchange contracts.

At the afternoon session Mr. Jenkin for the Bank cross-examined the manager of the Tuen Kee Hong. The witness said that he was not familiar with the procedure of contracts with banks as that part of the business was done by his son. Asked if he knew that the exchange had risen against him in July, 1921, he said that he did not, he left these matters to his son. He did a good deal of business with foreign firms but did not himself read English.

After the witness had been re-examined by Mr. Eldon Potter on points relating to the amount of business done by the firm and the number of *fokis* employed, the son was called.

Doors Closed.

Mr. Eldon Potter examined witness with regard to the procedure when making an exchange contract with a bank. Witness said he always dealt with the compradore except in the case of a Chinese bank when he saw the manager. He received regular notices from other banks of outstanding contracts but not from the Banque Industrielle. He described how he had gone to the bank on July 2nd, 1921, and found the doors closed and a notice stuck on them to the effect that the Banque had received instructions from the head office to suspend all payments pending instructions. Two days later he obtained admission and saw the assistant compradore who, when he inquired what the Banque intended to do about the contracts, had pointed to the notice on the door. He had heard nothing more about the contracts and considered them as finished until he received a letter of demand in February, 1927.

Mr. Jenkin, cross-examining, asked witness if he knew that the rate was against him when the Banque closed its doors, and that as a consequence, the bank would not have had to pay anything if the contract had terminated on that date, but that on the other hand he (the Tuen Kee Hong) would have had to pay the bank. The witness agreed that this was so. He denied, however, in answer to further question that he had realised that the rate of exchange was steadily rising against him during the month of July, 1921.

The hearing was adjourned.

POLICE AND STUDENTS IN RIOTS.

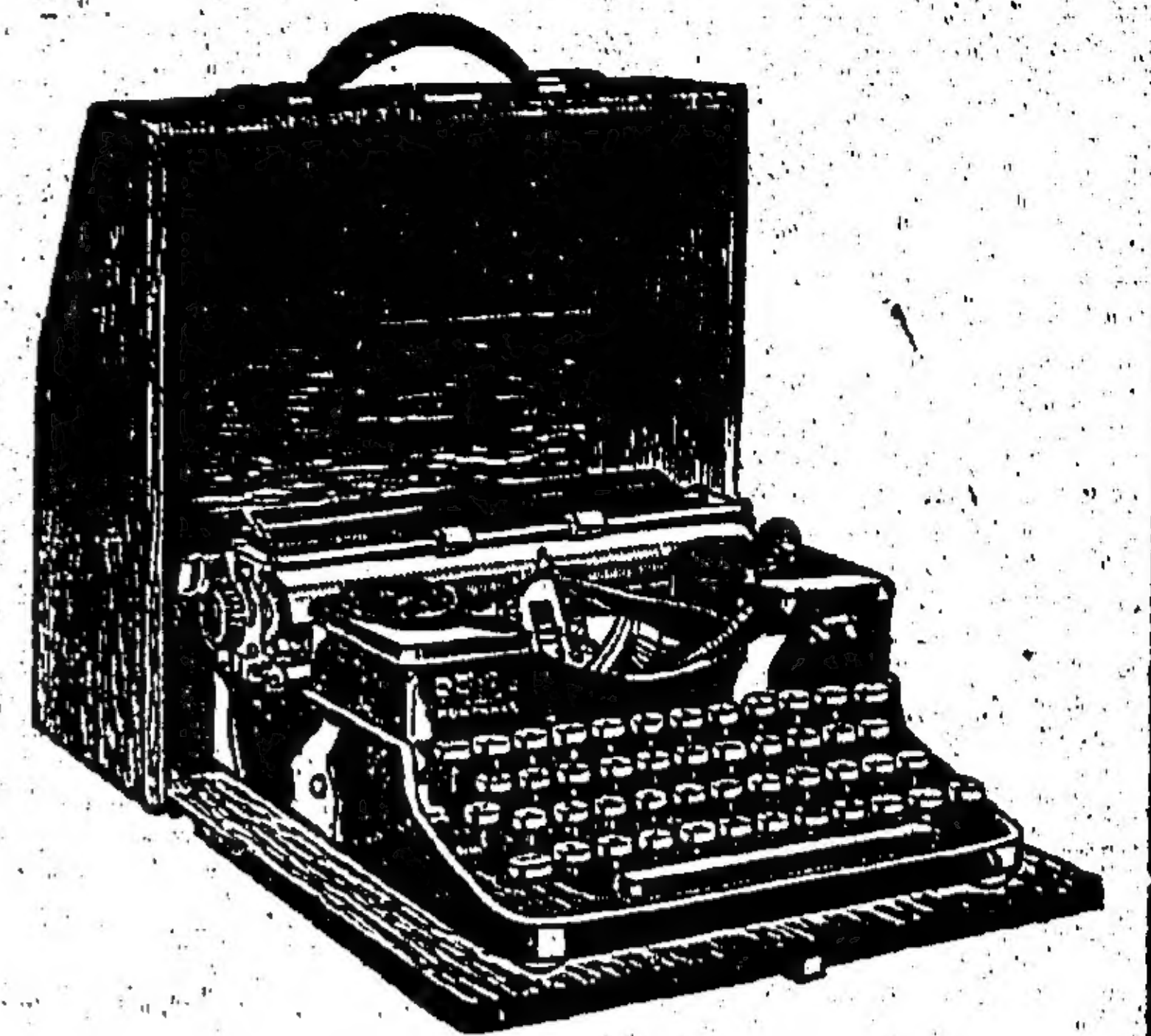
AGITATION FOR IMPROVED
SCHOOLS.

After two months of comparative peace among the Chinese university students of Peking, several students and an equal number of police have again been injured in riots.

The students, alleging that the Government is neglecting the schools in North China, stormed the homes of the university officials, damaged the premises and clashed with guards.

The Students' Union has issued a statement, declaring that the agitation for improvement of the schools will be continued until some result is obtained, and that photographs of injured students will be sent throughout China, in an effort to arouse students everywhere to support their comrades in Peking.

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HONG KONG CLUB.
NOTICE.
THE FIRST YEARLY DRAWING OF 20 DEBENTURES 1928 Issue - \$500 Each - of the HONG KONG CLUB, drawn on MONDAY, the 3rd SEPTEMBER, 1929, will be held in the CLUB HOUSE at 11 O'CLOCK A.M. on THURSDAY, the 21st MARCH, 1929.
Benevolence of Debentures are invited to attend the Drawing.
By Order,
T. A. ROBERTSON, Lieut.-Col., Secretary,
Hong Kong, 6th March, 1929. [7485]

SOCIETY OF ST. GEORGE, HONG KONG.
THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the SOCIETY will be held in the Office of the HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB, on the Ground Floor of the Hong Kong Club, on THURSDAY, 14th MARCH, 1929, at 5.30 P.M.
For the following purposes:-
(a) To receive a Report of the Committee and Statement of Accounts for the Past Year.
(b) To elect the Officers and Committee for the ensuing year.
(c) To consider the manner in which St. George's Day shall be celebrated.
(d) To transact any Other Business of which due Notice has been given.
All Members are requested to attend.
S. T. BUTLIN, Hon. Secretary,
Hong Kong, 7th Mar., 1929. [7487]

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.
THE FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (Weather Permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 9th MARCH, 1929. Commencing at 2 P.M.
The First Race will be at 2.30 P.M. The Charge for Admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1.00 for all Persons including Ladies.
Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform Half Price.
Members are advised that they must show their Badges to obtain Admission to the Members' Enclosure.
Each Member has the right to introduce 2 Non-members to the Members' Enclosure. Tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. LESTER & DAVIS, at \$5.00 Each, up to FRIDAY, 8th MARCH, 1929.
The Charge for Admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$2.00. Each Member can obtain upon Application to the SECRETARY, Badges for Admission of 2 Ladies Free of Charge.
Bookmakers, Ticket Men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the Precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meetings. [7476]

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 40th ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the Company, St. George's Building, CHARTERED ROAD, VICTORIA, HONG KONG, on WEDNESDAY, the 13th DAY of MARCH, 1929, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and a Report of the Directors for the Year ended 31st DECEMBER, 1928.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED on MONDAY, the 4th DAY of MARCH, 1929, to WEDNESDAY, the 13th DAY of MARCH, 1929, Both Days inclusive.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers,
Hong Kong, 21st Feb., 1929. [7477]

THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTIETH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING will be held at the Company's Office, P. O. Building, on FRIDAY, 8th MARCH, 1929, at 11 A.M. for the purpose of presenting a Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st DECEMBER, 1928, and electing Directors and Auditors.
The REGISTER of MEMBERS of the Company will be CLOSED from 11th MARCH, 1929, to 22nd MARCH, 1929, Both Days inclusive, during which Period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD., Agents,
Hong Kong, 1st Mar., 1929. [7469]

THE HONG KONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.
THE SIXTIETH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Underwriting on TUESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1929, at 11 A.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 31st DECEMBER, 1928.
The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 18th to the 26th MARCH, 1929, Both Days inclusive.
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., General Managers,
THE HONG KONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.
Hong Kong, 6th Mar., 1929. [7480]

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LEADERS MASSING TROOPS.**CONCENTRATIONS AT THREE POINTS.****RAILWAY TRAFFIC DELAYED.****[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]**

PEKING, March 7th.

It is reported that Peking-Pukow through traffic has been interrupted since March 5th owing to troop movements on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway towards a large concentration at Pengpu. However, the usual through train is leaving here to-morrow and tickets are being sold.

Japanese reports state that Wuhan troops are massing at Wusueh, there being 8,000 infantry and forty guns already there. They also report that Chiang Kai Shek's 11th Division is massing at Kiukiang.

RAILWAYS MONOPOLISED BY TROOPS.**(Wah Tsai Yat Pao.)**

SHANGHAI, March 7th.

Major-General A. E. Wardrop, G.O.C. North China Command, left aboard the s.s. Tingsang to-day for Weihaiwei and Tientsin.

The political situation has slightly improved, although it is reported that there is some delay in the Chengchow-Peking Railway service.

It is also reported that all trains on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway between Hsuehchow and Pukow have been monopolised for troop transport.

MOVED TO NANKING.**(Wah Tsai Yat Pao.)**

SHANGHAI, March 7th.

The 17th Division, stationed at Hangchow, proceeded to Nanking by train on March 6th, and consequently service on the Shanghai-Hangchow Railway was temporarily suspended. The 16th and 17th Regiments, stationed on the outskirts of Hangchow also moved to the Capital the same afternoon.

CONFERENCE WITH LI TSAI HSIN.**(Wah Tsai Yat Pao.)**

SHANGHAI, March 7th.

Messrs. Tsai Yuen Pei and Wu Tsz Hui will proceed to Shanghai to meet Marshal Li Tsai Hsin. Measures will be discussed to deal with the Hunan affair when the latter arrives.

Marshal Chiang Kai Shek has dispatched Mr. Sha Li Tzu to see Marshal Feng.

Natives of Hunan at Nanking have organized an association for the salvation of Hunan. They have decided to send a big petition to the Central Government, requesting that the Hunan situation be settled, and the activities of the Wuhan Branch Political Council suppressed.

MARTIAL LAW.**(Wah Tsai Yat Pao.)**

SHANGHAI, March 7th.

About a hundred and fifty junk and other vessels have been commandeered at Wusueh and Tienchiachin by the troops of General Hu Tsung Tok of Hankow. Martial law was declared at Wusueh, Kiukiang and Shueichang on the evening of March 3rd.

On last Monday evening over 3,000 soldiers were moving heavy artillery and fieldpieces from Wusueh overland to the border of Kiukiang. At 2 a.m. several thousand footmen arrived and stayed at Wusueh for about three hours afterwards moving eastward along the Yangtze River.

HUNAN CLEAR OF FIGHTING.**[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]**

TIENTSIN, March 7th.

Tan Tao Yuen's troops have recently been defeated by two brigades under Yeh Chi which are marching towards Changteh. Troops under Li Ming Shu pursued Lu Ti Ping's men as far as Tung Koo on the border of Kiukiang. Hunan is now free from the troops of Lu Ti Ping.

Peaceful Settlement?

Messrs. Tsai Yuen Pei and Wu Tsz Hui returned to Nanking from Shanghai on March 6th and attended the conference of the Central Political Council, where they made a report of their interview with General Li Tsai Jen.

It was decided at the conference that the situation be settled peacefully by Messrs. Tsai and Wu. It is possible, but if this step fails, Li Tsai Jen, Li Tsai Hsin, Feng Yu Hsiang and Yen Hsi Shun together with the leaders of the Reorganization and Disbandment Conference will discuss measures to deal with the matter in the name of the Conference.

YOUNG COMMUNISTS IN JAPAN.**MURDER OF EXTREMIST MEMBER.****AUTHORITIES ALARMED AT DEMONSTRATIONS.****[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]**

TOKYO, March 7th.

During the post-mortem examination of Mr. Senji Yamamoto, which was conducted at the Imperial University, about seventy students assembled outside, shouting communistic slogans, and singing revolutionary songs. On the authorities hurrying to the scene the demonstrators dispersed before any arrests could be effected.

Earlier in the day quantities of handbills, condoling with Yamamoto's tragic death had been thrown through the windows of the lecture hall. The authorities, who are very perturbed, are endeavouring to identify the ringleaders.

Mr. Senji Yamamoto, a proletarian member of the Diet, was assassinated on Tuesday evening by a reactionary named Kuroda, who afterwards surrendered himself to the Police. The crime was committed as a protest against the alleged radical activities of Mr. Yamamoto, who was a member of the Extreme Left.

NANKING'S NEW GUNS.**(Wah Tsai Yat Pao.)**

SHANGHAI, March 7th.

Marshal Chiang Kai Shek recently gave orders to the authorities in charge of fortifications to mount two powerful guns on the "Lion Hill." He has also ordered that the cadets of the Central Military School be reorganized into a "protectionary corps," carrying arms.

COMPROMISE IN SIGHT.**[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]**

PEKING, March 7th.

It is reliably reported that Chang Tsung Chang and Liu Chen Nien will reach a compromise very shortly.

GOODS TAX AT CHEFOO.**[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]**

CHEFOO, March 7th.

Following the United States Consul's protests concerning the reimposition of the Goods Tax, which is due to be enforced from to-morrow, Liu Chen Nien has promised that shipments for foreign nationals will be exempted until late in next week, by which time it is hoped that a reply will have been received from the Ministers in Peking, to whom the Consuls have reported.

ADVISER TO CHANG HSUEH LIANG.**[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]**

PEKING, March 7th.

Mr. W. H. Donald, a director of the Bureau of Economic Information, Peking, has been appointed adviser to Chang Hsueh Liang.

CHINA SEEKS AID FROM BRITAIN.**RE-CONSTITUTION OF THE FLEET.****[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]**

LONDON, March 7th.

Commander Barr, of the Chinese Navy, who has been visiting London on a secret mission on behalf of the Chinese Government, according to the *Daily Express*, has approached the British Government with a request to lend China a number of naval officers to reconstitute the Chinese Fleet.

Britain has been compelled to refuse under the terms of the Arms Embargo Agreement between Britain, France, Italy, Japan, and the United States.

CONTROVERSIES IN MALTA.**[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]**

RUGBY, March 6th.

In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. L. M. S. Amery, Dominions Secretary, stated that the Government, at the instance of the Maltese authorities, had instructed the British Minister at the Vatican to approach the Holy See with a request that the Apostolic Visitor be sent to Malta to investigate certain difficulties that had arisen, including a dispute between the Maltese Ministry and the local ecclesiastical authorities.

Mr. Amery added that there was no dispute between the British Government and the Vatican. There were certain controversies with the Maltese authorities, who had requested the intervention of the Apostolic Visitor to compose the difficulties.

ROYAL VISIT TO LONDON.**QUEEN MOTHER OF THE NETHERLANDS.****GREAT WELCOME AT VICTORIA.****[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]**

LONDON, March 7th.

The Earl of Airlie on behalf of the King, welcomed at Victoria Station H.M. the Queen Mother of the Netherlands, who looked remarkably fresh and bright after her fourteen hours' journey.

She smiled in response to an enthusiastic welcome and posed for the photographers. She then drove to her hotel for breakfast before going to the Dutch Art Exhibition.

MINORITIES UNDER DISCUSSION.**HANDLING OF PETITIONS.****A GENEVA PROBLEM.****[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]**

RUGBY, March 6th.

The problem of the minorities, the most important subject before the present session of the League of Nations Council, was raised for the first time to-day when a proposal was made by Senator Dandurand of Canada to modify the procedure regarding petitions from minorities.

Senator Dandurand proposed that in future these petitions be dealt with by the League Council instead of by the present Committee of Three. Dr. Stresemann, the German Foreign Minister, expressed his approval of the proposal.

Proof of Success.

Sir Austen Chamberlain defended the Committee of Three. He said the committee had always dealt with the various cases according to rights the parties had under the treaties and could not go outside them.

They had always taken up all cases which might produce ill-will between nations and had undertaken the examination of petitions brought before them. One thing which showed that the work they had done had not been so bad after all was that any Member of the Council could at any time bring up a question regarding the minorities, even after a decision had been given by the Committee of Three.

Hitherto none had ever appealed to counsel after the Committee had given a decision.

He was sure that any impartial person when shown work which the Committee had done would be perfectly satisfied that they had achieved in a large measure the purpose for which the system had been initiated. He suggested that in future greater publicity should be given to the work of the Committee so as to remove the apparent misapprehension and uneasiness.

Speeding Up.

The main defect of the present procedure, he went on, was the delay. He hoped they would be able to devise a means of expediting the system. The question of minorities should not be a source of oppression or a menace to the peace of the world.

In conclusion, Sir Austen agreed with other Members of the Council that the question was too large and too detailed to be handled in one session of the Council.

He agreed that a Reporter should be appointed with one or two Members of the Council as assistants, to conduct a thorough enquiry into the entire question, to obtain the fullest information as to the procedure which had been in force up to now and as to the obligations and the duties of the minorities, and to make recommendations as to what changes in the method adopted by the League were, in their opinion, necessary.

The Council adjourned until to-morrow when Mr. Adachi, the Reporter on the general question of minorities, will present a draft resolution providing for an examination and a report on the advisability of changing the Council's procedure regarding minority petitions.

PRESTON NORTH END IN TROUBLE.**ALL PLAYERS ON TRANSFER LIST.****[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]**

LONDON, March 6th.

A sensation has been caused in British football circles by an announcement to the effect that Preston North End, one of the most famous of the English football clubs, which was founded in 1880, has followed the lead of Derby County and Hull City, by placing the whole of their twenty-nine players on the transfer list.

The players are valued at £24,000, and the "sale" has been authorised by the Directors as the result of financial difficulties which have beset the club for some years.

MINES AND LABOUR PROBLEMS.**INEVITABLE SURPLUS OF MEN.****PREMIER'S REVIEW OF CONDITIONS.****[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]**

RUGBY, March 6th.

Official sanction was this afternoon given to the publication of a joint report of the proceedings at 10, Downing Street, yesterday between Mr. Stanley Baldwin, the Premier, and the full Executive Committee of the Miners' Federation.

Mr. Herbert Smith, the President of the Miners' Federation, outlined the case for the miners in the first instance, emphasising the low wages paid and the large amount of unemployment ruling in the mining industry.

He suggested, as partial remedies, the superannuation of the old miners, the raising of the school-leaving age in the mining areas, and the international division of the foreign markets.

Mr. A. J. Cook, who also spoke at some length, pressed for a national scheme to prevent an undue low price for coal in consequence of competition, and for steps by the Government to secure the more rapid development of processes for the scientific treatment of coal.

Premier's Reply.

Mr. Baldwin, in reply, reviewed the position of the mining industry generally, and expressed the opinion that the present increase in the demand for coal was not entirely due to the abnormal climatic conditions in Europe and the British Isles, and had, indeed, been apparent, though to a less extent, before the Arctic weather conditions in Europe had had any effect.

As regards amalgamations and other forms of organisation within the industry, the Premier said he thought that these were now making satisfactory progress, and that direct Government intervention would not be advantageous.

He admitted that the increased demand for coal had been met almost entirely by fuller employment for those already on the colliery books, without any substantial increase in the number of men actually employed.

Surplus Labour.

Even with a big improvement in trade, he felt that there would still be a large surplus of labour in the mining areas, and in his view, the most important matter to be dealt with at the present time was the transfer of surplus unemployed miners into employment in other industries.

He appealed to the officials of the Miners' Federation to use their influence in the mining areas to ensure that full advantage was taken of the Government schemes for training and for transferring boys and adults in order that they might have the benefit of the opportunities that existed for employment in other parts of the country.

The Minister of Labour, Sir A. Steel-Maitland, cited figures and facts to show that the transference of miners to employment elsewhere would not harm the workers in the latter areas.

Mr. Herbert Smith referred to evidence given before the League of Nations last week by Mr. Tawney in favour of the international regulation of the markets, and the Premier promised carefully to consider the evidence.

THE KING.**[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]**

RUGBY, March 6th.

H.M. the King passed another good day. The weather was much warmer and the sun shone brilliantly.

TREATY FORGER RELEASED.**NO GROUNDS FOR DETENTION.****[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]**

BRUSSELS, March 6th.

It is disclosed by Police officials that Albert Frank Heine, the Belgian activist, who was arrested on the Amsterdam train this week in connection with the Utrecht Dagblad secret treaty allegations, has been released on the order of the Examining Magistrate in accordance with an application by the Public Prosecutor.

It was alleged on his arrest that Heine had confessed to the forgery of the documents published in Holland, and a statement regarding this has been made semi-officially.

It is stated that Heine was detained by the Police for alleged passport forgery, but this did not justify his further detention.

Though the examination had clearly shown that Heine was the author of the forged documents published by the *Dagblad*, this under the Belgian Penal Law does not constitute a ground for his detention in prison.

MEXICAN REVOLT IN HAND.**FIERCE FIGHTING IN VERA CRUZ.****REBELS AND DESERTERS CLASH.****[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]**

MEXICO CITY, March 7th.

The collapse of the revolution appears imminent, at least in the State of Vera Cruz, according to an official communiqué. It states that sanguinary street fighting has taken place in the city of Vera Cruz between General Aguirre's rebel forces and the rebel troops who deserted him. The fighting only ceased when the consular corps intervened to prevent further bloodshed. An armistice was arranged on the condition that General Aguirre should leave the city. It is believed that he has escaped by sea.

According to other Government statements, the enemy has been routed everywhere, and Federal troops have recaptured Orizaba, Cordova and Jalapa.

Monterey Recaptured.

It seems that the Government has recovered from the surprise of the carefully planned revolt, and reports now coming in indicate that the tide of battle is rapidly turning in favour of the Federal troops.

A communiqué has been received from the Federal commander, who has engaged the rebels near Monterey, stating that the insurgents have retired in confusion. The rebel General Escobar has been defeated here and is in flight. Monterey has been recaptured, and it is confidently expected that Vera Cruz will fall to the loyal forces within the next three days.

The revolutionists still retain the ascendancy in the North, and claim a number of successes, in skirmishes with Federal troops from Guaymas to Sonora, where isolated bodies of Federal troops have been forced to take to the mountains.

It appears that instructions have been given from Mexico City for the temporary abandonment of the State of Sinaloa to the rebels, and Government employees have already commenced to evacuate from Mazatlan.

American Tourists.

American tourists in Mexico City have petitioned the Ambassador, Mr. Dwight Morrow, asking for a special train to take them home. Hitherto, both the Federal troops and the insurgents have respected foreign property.

MR. DAVID BUICK.**[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]**

DETROIT, March 6th.

The death has occurred from cancer of Mr. David Buick, the pioneer motor-builder of the United States.

He was seventy-four years of age. In the course of his development of the Buick car he made two fortunes, and lost them both. He spent the last years of his life in poverty, residing in a shabby flat with thousands of cars bearing his name mortifyingly passing the door.

DEATH OF GREAT CAR DESIGNER.**[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]**

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SIR JOHN DENISON-PENDER.**[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]**

LONDON, March 6th.

The death is announced, at the age of 72 years, of Sir John Denison Pender, G.B.E., K.C.M.G., the well-known Chairman of the Eastern and other Associated Cable Companies, and a director of the Peninsular and Oriental Steamship Company. He passed away peacefully on Wednesday afternoon after a short illness.

MR. STEPHEN WALSH.**[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]**

LONDON, March 6th.

The death is announced, at the age of 72 years, of Sir John Denison Pender, G.B.E., K.C.M.G., the well-known Chairman of the Eastern and other Associated Cable Companies, and a director of the Peninsular and Oriental Steamship Company. He passed away peacefully on Wednesday afternoon after a short illness.

FORMER WAR SECRETARY TO RESIGN.**[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]**

LONDON, March 6th.

Mr. Stephen Walsh, M.P., for the Ince Division of Lancashire, who was Secretary for War in the Socialist Government, has decided not to contest the seat at the next election owing to ill-health.

He has represented the same division since 1905 as the miners' nominee.

Mr. Walsh was the shortest Secretary for War the country ever had, but was always strikingly energetic, and in 1924 flew to Cologne when he reviewed the British Army of Occupation.

MALAYAN RUBBER COMBINE.**AMALGAMATION OF FOUR COMPANIES.****BIG NEW SCHEME.****[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]**

SINGAPORE, March 7th.

It is understood that the directors of the Allenby, Balakrishna, Connamara and Kundang Rubber Companies have submitted to their shareholders proposals for an amalgamation which will form one of the biggest combines in Malaya. It will be known as the Connamara United, Limited.

The combined area of the estates of the four companies is 6,500 acres.

BRITISH DELEGATION TO RUSSIA.**FRIENDLY RECEPTION PROMISED.****[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]**

LONDON, March 6th.

A British Trade Delegation which is going to Russia on March 23rd will represent a hundred and fifty prominent firms. Mr. Douglas Hamilton, the President of the Bradford Chamber of Commerce, will represent the woolen industry. It was stated at a meeting to-day that the Russian Government had adopted an eminently friendly and businesslike attitude towards the visit.

KOWLOON COURT CASES.**WOMEN STONEBREAKERS ACQUITTED.****"WHY WASN'T THE CON-TRACTOR CHARGED?"****[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]**

SINGAPORE, March 7th.

Seven stone breakers, including five women, were before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith, at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court yesterday for trespassing on Crown Land at Hokim.

Mr. G. Chambers of the Public Works Department, prosecuted, and the defendants pleaded guilty.

Mr. Chambers said that the defendants were using the ground for breaking stones and removing them from a quarry, for which privilege contractors were paying a heavy fee. The defendants were stealing the stone and able to sell it at a cheaper price. Last Monday, the speaker said, he visited the scene and the stone breakers ran away. While he was stooping over some tools which had been left behind, a stone flew over his head. He reported the matter to the Police Station and had the defendants arrested.

The Chinese contractor who engaged the defendants was present in Court and admitted that he was responsible. He said that he had purchased the right to obtain the stone from a person in Hongkong.

The Magistrate enquired why the contractor was not charged as he had engaged the defendants. The defendants were ignorant people, and the contractor was the man to be blamed.

Mr. Chambers said that although the contractor was seen on the site he was not actually breaking stone himself. He merely wanted the people cleared from the land.

The defendants were discharged with a caution.

"Fig and Pepper."

Mr. A. A. Lopes prosecuted a Chinese before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith for being in possession of a packet of pepper without being able to give a satisfactory explanation of why he had it.

Detective Inspector Fallon told the Magistrate that Mr. Lopes, who lives at No. 173 Kowloon Tong, saw a group of men on the morning of March 5th, acting in a suspicious manner. He watched them for some time and then went out and questioned them. The defendant ran away but was chased and caught near the China Light & Power premises. During the chase, Mr. Lopes fired his revolver to frighten the defendant.

In reply to the Magistrate, who enquired whether pepper came within the Ordinance, Inspector Fallon said that it was not an instrument but a substance. The Magistrate agreed that there was difficulty in calling pepper an instrument.

The case was remanded for 24 hours for the Police to consider whether a charge of loitering could not be substituted.

Good War Record Spoilt.**[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]**

SINGAPORE, March 7th.

When an elderly Chinese was charged before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith with the possession of seven ounces of prepared opium, he said he had two war medals and an excellent certificate of discharge from one of His Majesty's ships. He had been a cook on board a British warship during the war.

Revenue Officer Grimmett confirmed the defendant's statements and remarked that the defendant had shown him a bullet wound on his left arm and two war medals.

The Magistrate remarked that a good war service did not entitle a defendant to break the law, and he did not seem to be engaged in honest work at present. A fine of \$24 or six weeks' hard labour was imposed.

Telegrams in Brief.

Mr. Maurice Ingram, from the Foreign Office, has been appointed a Counsellor to the British Legation at Peking. He is leaving England for China this week.

A message from Nanking states that Mr. John Roebing, the American business magnate, has given \$3,000 for famine relief in China. Dr. C. T. Wang, the Foreign Minister received the donation through the Chinese Legation at Washington.

De Valera, who was sentenced to a month's imprisonment at Belfast recently for ignoring an order prohibiting his entry into Ulster, has been released and placed on a train bound for Dublin. Ostensibly De Valera crossed the Ulster border in order to open a Gaelic Bazaar at Belfast, but it was suspected that he intended to visit a political meeting being held at approximately the same time.

On the ground that the public performance would endanger law and order, the President of the Police in Berlin has prohibited the production of the Communist play "The Three Act Dictatorship of the Future." It was originally entitled "Poison Gas over Berlin" but this was eventually dropped by the would-be producers. The play was performed to an audience consisting of representatives of the Government, the Municipality and the Press, and it led to turbulent Communist demonstrations.

The French Air Minister has again suspended authorisation for long-distance flights, thus bringing to an end a whole series of contemplated flights. The officers affected by the suspension order include Captain Costes, Captain Weiss, Captain Girier, Captain Chables, Captain Rignot, Lieutenant Paris, and the brothers Arrachart, whose flights have been postponed indefinitely.

CRICKET NOTES.

I suppose that I ought to be walking about in a white sheet with a candle in my hand, because I hailed the Club as definite winners of the Senior Division last week. As a matter of fact, there was the possibility that, if the Club lost their remaining match outright, and the Gunners won their remaining five matches outright, then the R.A. would have finished on top. But frankly I was not catering for miracles, and though I have a profound respect myself for the Gunners eleven, I did not think they are as good as all that. And as a matter of fact they weren't, (or is it 'aren't'?) The only thing that I regret of in the slightest occurred on Saturday, and not on Friday last, and that was my omission to back Nookhill. Having in this somewhat non-committal way told my brother scribe, who had a quiet slap at me, that it is his beans, I may as well get to business.

First Division.

The K.C.C. had out a fairly good team against the Gunners, and I hear from a reliable source that it was not quite such a one-sided affair as it looks on paper. Col. Christian started bowling the leg theory with four men close in on the leg side. This rather upset Bruce, and neither he nor Ramsay came off. Unfortunately, however, Christian continued his theory with the flinchers, who rather like that sort of thing, instead of bowling just outside their off-stumps, where both of them are a bit weak at times. For 6 wickets, Bruce then made a very sporting declaration, and reaped 4 just reward. He gave the Gunners time to get the runs, and they duly went out for them. Unfortunately for them, it did not come off. They are not a strong batting side at the best, and rely far too much on Leach and Musson for runs. Both failed, and in spite of a gallant thirty by Col. Christian they were all out for 85. Bruce seems to be coming back to his bowling form, now that his arm is all right again. Oliver did very well with 4 for 19, while Lee picked up a couple of wickets for no runs.

A most interesting game was played between the Navy and the University on the ground of the latter. The Varsity batted first, and if Anderson had not been dropped (so I hear), when he had made about 40, the result might have gone the other way. As it was, he batted up to the time of declaration for 75 not out, out of 172 for eight wickets. Zimmerman and Rumbach both got a few. Neither Baker nor Large seemed to like the matting, and Watch, who went on late because of it, was expensive. The Navy, of course, went out for the runs and at one time looked like getting them, for Weir and Single-ton got going and Abelson carried on the good work. Between them they mustered 104 runs, and extras took it up to 133. The remainder of the side, however, could only collect 27 runs between them, and an exciting match was lost by the Navy by 12 runs only. The Varsity were at full strength, and as usual, Anderson had a good day, for in addition to his performance with the bat he got five wickets for thirty-three runs. The Navy also had their best side out.

Second Division.

The Navy second string also made a fairly close game of it with Varsity II, and were only beaten in a low-scoring game by 2 wickets. Mosley and Gregory came off for the Navy batting, while all the four bowlers tried got two or three wickets. For the University Ker-mani, Barma, and Gan made useful contributions, while Baker had 5 for 39 and Sullivan 3 for 19.

The Civil Service were very hard put to it to raise eleven men v. R.A.O.C., and had to include Kelly and Holman. Very properly the former was not put on to bowl, and Holman did not keep wicket. The R.A.O.C. bowling was their weak point and Westlake (75), Eldridge (58), Harper (33), and Chittenden (31 not out) all did well, besides Kelly's 47. With 219 for 6 fairly quickly scored, the C.S. had a good chance, and they took it, though the R.A.O.C. put up a stern fight. Moseck, Gordon, Bryant, Morgan and Rowe did best for them.

Friendlies.

The H.K.C.C. second eleven took on their revered seniors, and as one blunt friend of mine remarked, took it properly in the neck. The first ran up an airy two hundred for seven, while the second collapsed for 57. Wales, as usual, had the majority of the wickets. I think there is no doubt that he is by far the most improved bowler of the season, and if he maintains his present form he should be a thorn in Shanghai's side next November. Bowker had two bowled and one o.b. and 3 for 3 runs.

The Indian R.O. Second beat the R.E. and Signals thanks to a big score by S.A. Ismail. The Soldiers, however, were by no means at full strength.

The Recreation, on their home ground, were beaten by Youngsaye's team, thanks almost entirely to a hard hit 91 by Tsui Wai Pui. If this batsman could get more practice against good bowling and develop a sound defence he would be one of our most promising young local cricketers.

Sunday Games.

There was, I hear, a League match in the Second Division played on Sunday last between the R.A.S.C. and Craigengower. The former won by 14 runs in spite of a desperate effort by R. Reed who went in very late according to the published order. He was No. 10 and Omar No. 11. Presumably, they played to fill up (as Kelly and Holdman did for the C.S. on Saturday) as I see neither went on to bowl. Fry and Wingfield were altogether too good for most of the side. Fletcher, for the Civilians, took five wickets for 30 runs. I have several times heard it suggested that League matches strictly should be played on Saturdays. This is not correct. But what is suggested is that no teams may, by mutual arrangement, play a whole day match and count it as a League fixture. The hours of play are the things that matter.

The Volunteers, as pioneers of Sunday cricket, have been very consistent in turning out an eleven and they have usually a very sound team out. Last Sunday they beat the I.R.C. by 40 runs, but the scoring was not very high on either side.

Sunday Cricket.

I am not sure whether I approve of Sunday cricket or not. And I expect a great many people find themselves in the same position. To the game itself no one can object. It is a healthy exercise, and is played quietly and cannot annoy any one else. Perhaps we are all rather ultra-conservative about the game. One never has played on Sunday—(I believe there is a statute of Elizabeth's reign forbidding this)—somehow or other it does not seem the proper thing. I feel fairly sure of one thing and that is that it will never become the regular thing here. For one thing the married men, who can manage a Saturday, will not give up their Sundays as well.

To-morrow's Games.

Civil Service will have to go all out to save the game against the Gunners. Reed and Baker will be back in the team and it is possible that their batting will turn out. But with Sayer, Wood and de Rome away their batting, always weak, will be even more so. However, there is always a chance of one of them making a score and the Gunners' batting is also a pretty variable quantity. Fielding will probably turn the scale.

Kowloon will probably beat the C.R.C. in their friendly, while in the Second Division University should obtain the points against the R.A.O.C. and Kowloon against R.A.S.C.

Tinkering with the Rules. I read with much interest, as no doubt did many of my readers, a reference in a contemporary to a proposal to make the boundary-hit score ten runs. It is, of course, the same principle as that by which in our League three points are given for a win and only one for a draw. And though I think it goes a little too far in suggesting ten runs, I am not sure that it is not a pretty good idea. On many grounds 4 is a poor reward for a boundary hit. How often does one see four all run? Quite frequently, on the big grounds with young players in. In fact there is the old unimproving catch. "The batsmen have run five and are starting a sixth when the ball trickles over the boundary. How many are scored?" Now 6 or 8 would tempt a batsman to get boundaries as a 6 tempts many a man to a lofty drive.

The proposal very properly demands a boundary equidistant at all points from the wicket, but very weakly suggests it shall be only for shots in front of the wicket. This, I suppose, is to penalize snicks, but it would penalize also two of the prettiest shots in cricket, the late cut and the leg glance, while it puts a premium on brute force. It would be an interesting experiment, and what fun the wicket-keeper would have! But these quaint ideas very seldom even get so far as a trial.

R. ABBIT.

ROMANY QUEEN DEAD.

SCENES OF GRIEF AMONG GIPSY FOLK.

Romany folk of the Forest of Dean recently suffered the loss of their Queen, the consort of the 87-year-old Romany King, William Johns.

The aged woman had been slowly sinking for some time, and during the last few days many caravans arrived filled with Romanians anxious to pay their last respects, and to stand by their King in his hour of loss; for the 'old man' was prostrate with grief.

There were touching scenes of grief when the news of the death spread. Scores of the dead "Queen's" 16 children are still alive, and there are also seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren living.

LAWN TENNIS.

MIXED DOUBLES COMMENCES.

GOOD MATCHES TO-DAY.

The most interesting matches down for decision yesterday were postponed and only a few handicap games were played off. The Singles tie between Isomura and M. K. Lo which was the chief attraction did not take place, and the former has scratched owing to his impending departure from the Colony. M. K. Lo now meets the winner of H. D. Rumbach v. H. Owen Hughes.

Comdr. F. C. Baker and Mrs. Baker in the Mixed Doubles Handicap beat E. J. R. Mitchell and Mrs. Carnegie.

T. Honda, S. A. Rumbach and M. W. Lo who are among the leading players, will play this afternoon in different matches.

RESULTS.

Club Championships.

SECOND ROUND.
S. E. Green beat J. G. Lawrie 7-5, 5-7, 6-4.

Handicap Singles "B".
G. N. de Man (owe 2/8) beat J. H. Ashworth (scr.) 6-4, 6-4.

Handicap Doubles.
G. W. Sewell and G. C. Grove (owe 15/1) beat T. L. Christie and D. J. Gilmore (owe 15) 6-3, 8-6.

Mixed Doubles.
Comdr. F. C. Baker and Mrs. Baker (scr.) beat E. J. R. Mitchell and Mrs. Carnegie (rec. 2/8) 6-3, 4-6, 6-4.

TO-DAY'S MATCHES.

Open Singles.
T. Honda v. J. Barrow.
S. A. Rumbach v. W. C. Hung.
M. W. Lo v. H. Yoshida.

Handicap Singles "B".
C. L. Sandes (rec. 3/8) v. A. Reid (owe 15).

Handicap Doubles.
H. V. Parker and L. A. R. Duncan (scr.) v. E. R. Price and T. J. Price (rec. 15).

A. H. Penn and A. C. I. Bowker (rec. 15) v. J. L. Bonmar and V. W. L. Stanton (rec. 3/8).
E. J. R. Mitchell and G. R. Horridge (rec. 3/8) v. G. N. de Man and C. Stigter (rec. 4/8).

CANTON TRADE NOTES.

THE NATIVE CLOTH MARKET.

According to the vernacular Press there has been a marked revival of native cloth since Chinese New Year. This is attributed to the new tariff, which has sent up the prices of the foreign material. Since the War, foreigners captured the trade and native mills have been closed, but during the last months an attempt has been made to re-start the native industry, and so far, it has met with some success.

SILK MERCHANTS' BANK.

Silk merchants of Kwangtung are considering the formation of a bank of their own. The object is to accumulate capital needed for improving the production of silk and putting the whole business on a more efficient basis. About sixty per cent. of the necessary capital has been promised and the head office, at Canton, will, if all goes well, be opened in the summer. Later on branches will be opened in all the principal towns of the silk-producing districts.

SILK EXPORTS IN FEBRUARY.

Silk business in Kwangtung was very slack during February and 1,483 fewer bales were exported than in January. In all 3,179 bales were sent abroad, 1,709 to France, 1,435 to the United States and 35 to Great Britain.

The U.S. consignment was handled mainly by the Wing Tai Lung firm and that to France by the Man Sang firm.

CINEMA NEWS.

"SKIRTS" AT THE QUEEN'S.

"Skirts" Syd Chaplin's latest picture for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer comes to the Queen's Theatre on Sunday and Monday.

"Skirts" is an adaptation of a London stage success, "A Little Bit of Fluff." The film was made in England and the cast in support of Syd Chaplin is made up of British film and stage favourites, including Betty Balfour, the leading lady.

Bun Ku West and his Victor Harmony Trio will appear during each performance.

HOME FOOTBALL.

BLACKBURN BEATEN IN CUP REPLAY.

BOLTON AND HUDDERSFIELD IN SEMI-FINAL.

CELTIC AND MOTHERWELL DRAW.

Bolton Wanderers, winners of the Football Association Cup in 1923-24 and again three seasons later, came to the forefront on Wednesday as possible champions in the competition by defeating Blackburn Rovers, last season's heroes, in the sixth round replay. The holders of the trophy were beaten by two goals to one, the previous meeting yielding a goal each.

Huddersfield Town, who were beaten in the final last season, also entered the semi-final round by eliminating West Bromwich Albion by a single goal margin in the replay. These teams scored a goal each in their last meeting.

The postponed match in the fourth round of the Scottish Cup competition between Celtic and Motherwell produced a draw, neither side scoring. The Rangers, Kilmarnock and St. Mirren are in the semi-final round to be played on March 23rd.

The semi-final draw for the English Cup matches to be played on March 23rd is as under:—
Aston Villa v. Portsmouth at Highbury.
Bolton W. v. Huddersfield at Liverpool.

Several League matches were also played, Bradford City defeating Tranmere by eight goals in the Northern Section of Division III. Results of Wednesday's matches, as cabled by Reuters, are as under:—

F.A. CUP REPLAYS.

Sixth Round.
Bolton..... 2 Blackburn..... 1
Huddersfield..... 2 West Brom..... 1 (owe 15).

SCOTTISH CUP.

Fourth Round.
Celtic..... 0 Motherwell..... 0

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Division III. (Southern).
Crystal Pal. 2 Norwich..... 1

Division II. (Northern).
Bradford City 3 Tranmere..... 0

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Division I.
Rangers..... 3 St. Johnstone 1
Hearts..... 1 Dundee..... 1 (owe 15).

LEAGUE PROGRAMME FOR TO-MORROW.

The following are to-morrow's fixtures in the English and Scottish League:—

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Division I.
Aston Villa v. Birmingham.
Burnley v. Derby.
Bury v. Portsmouth.
Cardiff v. Wednesday.
Leeds U. v. Everton.
Leicester v. Manchester C.
Liverpool v. Arsenal.
Manchester U. v. Huddersfield.
Newcastle v. Sunderland.
Sheffield U. v. Bolton.
West Ham v. Blackburn.

Division II.
Hull v. Clapton.
Middlesbrough v. Swansea.
Millwall v. Notts For.
Notts C. v. Bristol C.
Oldham v. Blackpool.
Port Vale v. West Brom.
Preston v. Bradford.
Reading v. Grimsby.
Southampton v. Chelsea.
Tottenham v. Stoke.
Wolves v. Barnsley.

Division III. (Southern).
Bristol R. v. Bournemouth.
Crystal Pal. v. Northampton.
Fulham v. Southend.
Gillingham v. Brighton.
Newport v. Coventry.
Plymouth v. Exeter.
Queen's P.R. v. Merthyr.
Swindon v. Charlton.
Torquay v. Norwich.
Walsall v. Luton.
Watford v. Brentford.

Division III. (Northern).
Accrington v. Doncaster.
Bradford C. v. Barrow.
Carlisle v. South Shields.
Crewe v. Southport.
Halifax v. Wrexham.
Hartlepool v. Ashington.
Lincoln v. Chesterfield.
Luton v. Nelson.
Rotherham v. New Brighton.
Stockport v. Darlington.
Tranmere v. Rochdale.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Division I.
Ayr v. Third Lanark.
Clyde v. Airdrie.
Dundee v. Cowdenbeath.
Falkirk v. St. Mirren.
Hamilton v. St. Johnstone.
Hibernian v. Motherwell.
Kilmarnock v. Partick.
Queen's Park v. Celtic.
Rangers v. Hibernians.

THE NEW C.-I.N.C. SWORN IN.

YESTERDAY'S LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING.

GOVERNMENT'S "NO" TO KOWLOON RAILWAY QUESTION.

NEW ORDINANCES PASSED.

Anticipated discussions upon Sir Henry Pollock's two questions, did not materialize at yesterday afternoon's meeting of the Legislative Council. Sir Henry asked:

1. In view of the remarks made by the President of the Kowloon Residents' Association, at their recent annual meeting, with reference to the Kowloon Canton Railway blocking the development of the Southern part of the Kowloon Peninsula, will the Government appoint a Committee for the purpose of inquiring and reporting to this Council as to—
(i) The feasibility of,
(ii) The desirability of, and
(iii) The cost of transferring the terminus of the Kowloon-Canton Railway to the East side of the Kowloon Peninsula?

The Colonial Secretary replied that, even if it were advisable to transfer the terminus of the Kowloon-Canton Railway to another site, which, in the opinion of the Government was not the case, funds for such work could not be made available at present.

"Therefore," said the Colonial Secretary, "the answer to the question is in the negative."

THE KAU SING'S ENGINES.

Sir Henry also asked:

2. Will the Government obtain a report for the information of this Council, from the Honorable the Harbour Master with reference to—
(i) The feasibility of, and
(ii) The cost of giving credit for the estimated sale-value of her present engines, of substituting motor-engines for the present engines of the Kau Sing?

"The answer to this question," said the Colonial Secretary, "is in the affirmative."

The new Commander-in-Chief of the South China Command, His Excellency Major-General J. W. Sandilands, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., and Captain Superintendent of Police T. H. King, were sworn in as new members of the Council by His Excellency the Governor.

TRIBUTES TO GENERAL LUARD.

Sir Cecil Clementi said that while welcoming with great pleasure His Excellency General Sandilands to a seat in the Council, it would, he was sure, be the wish of the Council that he should record in their proceedings an expression of appreciation of the services rendered to this Colony by General Luard (who left Hong Kong yesterday).

"General Luard was to me," he said, "an ever present help in time of trouble and the days of my government here were at the outset mostly days of trouble. Upon General Luard devolved also the protection of Shanghai, when threatened by the disturbances in Canton, of Shanghai pending the arrival of the Shanghai Defence Force, as well as all arrangements preparatory to the arrival of the Shanghai Defence Force."

"These were difficult and anxious tasks; and in each case the necessary action was swiftly, quietly and efficiently taken. Nor Hong Kong only, but British subjects in South China generally owe a deep debt of gratitude to General Luard."

"Mrs. Luard, apart from her indefatigable work for the comfort of the men, women and children of the garrison, identified herself with everything that made for graciousness, goodwill and unselfishness in this Colony. We can ill afford to spare them, and the Council will, I think, agree that our minutes should bear testimony to our sense of the loss we have sustained by their departure," he concluded, amid applause.

Sir Henry E. Pollock, K.C., said that as the Senior Unofficial member of the Council, he had great pleasure in endorsing His Excellency's tribute to Major-General Luard, a very fine soldier and he and Mrs. Luard were a very perfect type of what an English gentleman and an English lady should be. (Hear, hear.) They would both be very much missed by civilians as well as by service men.

The same remark also applied, he concluded, to Miss Hanna Luard. He wished them many years of happiness in the home country. (Applause.)

Populists with Chinese.

Sir Shou-tun Chow said he begged to associate himself, on behalf of the Chinese community with the sentiments expressed by Sir Cecil. As a member of the Legislative Council and as General Officer Commanding the troops, Major-General

(Continued on next column).

LOCAL BOXING.

H.M.S. HERMES MEET THE K.O.S.B.

"FIRE AND MOVEMENT."

Twelve three-round bouts were staged at Murray Barracks last night between teams from H.M.S. Hermes and the King's Own Scottish Borderers. In one of the light-weight contests an extra round had to be fought, in which the K.O.S.B. man was knocked out.

Eight wins, four on points and four k.o.'s went to the Hermes men, the K.O.S.B. having three wins on points and one on a knock out.

Besides the winners' prizes, Ptes. Shea and Gardner (K.O.S.B.) were also awarded prizes as "best losers."

Mr. A. Murdoch (Hong Kong Boxing Association), Commander Baker, R.N., and Lieut. Christian, R.A., acted as referees and judges. After thanking these gentlemen for their assistance, Lieut. Col. T. J. Comyn (O.C., K.O.S.B.) said that this was the fourth or fifth contest with the men of H.M.S. Hermes. The bouts were just as enjoyable and sporting as the previous ones, although the Hermes had a good deal the best of matters. All the contests had plenty of "fire and movement." He hoped to see another meeting before the Regiment left Hong Kong in the autumn. In any case, they would carry with them very pleasant memories of their association with the H.M.S. Hermes.

Cheers were called for Lieut. Col. Comyn, and heartily reciprocated by men of the K.O.S.B.

RESULTS.

Welterweight.
Lee-Corral Malcolm (K.O.S.B.) knocked out A.B. Webb (H.M.S. Hermes) in the second round.

A.B. Trimmings (H.M.S. Hermes) knocked out Pte. Clarke (K.O.S.B.) in the second round.
L.S. Moorish (H.M.S. Hermes) beat Pte. Heggerty (K.O.S.B.) on points.

Lightweight.
A.B. Smith (H.M.S. Hermes) beat Pte. Shea (K.O.S.B.) on points.

A.E. O'Dell (H.M.S. Hermes) knocked out Private Gardner (K.O.S.B.) in the extra round.

Featherweight.
Pte. McGuire (K.O.S.B.) beat Boy Scott (H.M.S. Hermes) on points.

Pte. Merignac (K.O.S.B.) was knocked out by Tel. Sears (H.M.S. Hermes) in the first round.

Middleweight.
Mne. Woolford (H.M.S. Hermes) beat Pte. Woolley (K.O.S.B.) on points.

Pte. Spalding (K.O.S.B.) beat A.B. Gibbs (H.M.S. Hermes) on points.

Bantamweight.
A.B. Sills (H.M.S. Hermes) beat Edm. Johnston (K.O.S.B.) on points.

Edm. McConnell (K.O.S.B.) beat A.B. Bawlings (H.M.S. Hermes) on points.

Light Heavyweight.
A.B. Swan (H.M.S. Hermes) knocked out Piper Smith (K.O.S.B.) in the third round.

Luard had earnestly devoted himself to the interest of all classes of the community. As his colleague on both the Legislative and the Executive Councils, the speaker had always found him to be most reasonable and fair.

He had always cherished General Luard's friendship for his kindness and genial disposition. Both the speaker and his wife had received many kindnesses at the hands of General Luard and his charming lady.

By the nature of his military position, the General had little opportunity of coming into contact with the Chinese but those of the speaker's countrymen who had the privilege of his friendship regarded him with the greatest respect and esteem. The Chinese community as a whole were grateful for the discipline the General had maintained among the troops, whose conduct had been excellent.

In conclusion, Sir Shou-tun Chow wished Major-General Luard and his family a pleasant voyage and the three blessings most esteemed by the Chinese—happiness, honour, and longevity. (Applause.)

THE JUROR'S LIST.

The new Juror's List for the year 1929 was then placed on the table and formally adopted by the Council.

On the Colonial Secretary's motion the Council adopted the report of the Finance Committee dated February 28th, 1929.

The Attorney-General moved the second and third readings of the Ordinances to amend the Supreme Court Ordinance, 1873; to amend the Bankruptcy Ordinance, 1891; to amend the law relating to the taxation of tobacco; to amend the Watchmen Ordinance, 1929; to consolidate and amend the law with respect to unclaimed balances.

All five Ordinances were passed without adverse comment.

S.P.C.A. CONCERT.

SOME CLEVER YOUNG DANCERS.

PRESENTATION TO MRS. HARGREAVES-BROWNE.

A varied programme was presented by the Social Committee of the Helena May Institute in the hall of the Institute yesterday afternoon in aid of the funds of the S.P.C.A. A large audience enjoyed the concert to the full and it was noticed that quite a number of the sterner sex were present, including several soldiers and sailors in uniform.

The opening number was the "Indian Love Call" from "Rose Marie." The "distant voice" was supplied by Mrs. Davenport-Browne who sang the soprano solo very sympathetically. A less abrupt release would have enhanced what was already a splendid rendition.

The solo was followed by an Indian dance in which six youthful "braves" and "squaws" delighted the audience. The young dancers were Miss A. Newhouse, Miss P. Capell, Miss R. Wong, Miss M. Glendinning, Miss R. Walker, and Miss P. Gittens.

Mr. R. Dormer was not quite at ease in his number, "Out Where the Big Ships Go." A naturally rich-toned tenor voice and clear enunciation were unfortunately marred by slightly faulty intonation. Nevertheless the audience were highly pleased by Mr. Dormer's solo.

Little George Jowitt danced a sailor's hornpipe in a manner which not only pleased the "land-lubbers" among the audience but earned official approbation in the form of demands for an encore, made by some of the naval men present. George "hoisted his sails" in the traditional sea-faring manner and rarely glanced in the direction of the "wings" where, hidden from the sight of the audience, an anxious prompter was apparently ready to "skipper" his efforts.

A par duo, "Love's Dream After the Ball," represented the efforts of two more diminutive dancers. One saw Harlequin in pursuit of a half-witted Columbine (Jackie and Jill Hargreaves-Browne respectively), and a dainty and exceedingly artistic semi-ballet dance resulted.

Gornfields in Whitechapel. A "scene" entitled "Down in Whitechapel" opened with a dance, reminiscent of an apache dance, by a coster boy (Miss Violet Capell) and a coster girl (Miss Rachel Wong). Both these talented young dancers are very well known in the Colony for their extremely clever artistry and, on this occasion, they were in good form.

In this scene, Mr. D. M. Richards, attired in coster garb, sang "Leaning" rather an incongruous choice, we thought, for from our knowledge of the "two miles from Bow Bells," we found it difficult to reconcile a rustic leaning against a gate near a farmer's haystack in Whitechapel!

Still, Mr. Richards sang well and responded to a demand for an encore, so we forgave what we thought was at first a subtle attempt at "leg-pulling."

In passing, we supposed that the costumes of all the characters in this scene belonged to pre-war days. The coster youth of Whitechapel favours Oxford bags and plus fours these days while his "donah" wears a neat tailor-made costume and hat and dress by Peter Robinson or Galleries Lafayette!

Two "coster" children—George Jowitt and Cathleen Whelan—danced very prettily.

A FAREWELL GIFT.

Mr. H. V. Parker sang "Little Irish Girl" with good effect and responded to a demand for an encore, as did little Helene Bonenfant, who danced a vigorous but graceful Irish jig to the accompaniment of a stirring Irish tune.

During the interval, Mrs. Davenport-Browne who is leaving the Colony. The presentation was made on behalf of the Helena May Institute Social Committee, who desired Mr. Davenport-Browne to express their warm appreciation of Mrs. Hargreaves-Browne's two years of unstinted work of love as accompanist, etc., at concerts held in the Institute. They wished her, and her husband, "bon voyage."

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CENTRAL BRITISH SCHOOL.

ANNUAL PRIZE-GIVING.

QUESTION OF A NEW SITE.

The Central British School, Kowloon, held its annual prize-giving in the St. Andrew's Church Hall, adjoining the School, yesterday afternoon. There was a very large number of parents, friends and students present, and the School, a company of Girl Guides and Sea Scouts lined the entrance of the Hall to receive the guests. Among those present were the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., who distributed the prizes, Mr. E. Ralphs, Acting Director of Education, Mr. G. F. Nightingale, the Headmaster, the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, Mr. B. Wylie, Mr. A. R. Sutherland, Fr. F. Byrne, S.J., and the Rev. G. E. S. Updell.

THE REPORT.

The Headmaster in his Report said: "The School was opened on 195 days, the maximum enrolment being 173-180 in 1927. The average attendance during the year was 131-130 in 1927. The highest monthly average was 155 and the lowest 132—in 1927 being 140 and 119 respectively."

In November a new temporary wing was added to the School, comprising an art room, three classrooms and a cloakroom.

Visitors.

The School was visited by the Director of Education, the Inspectors of English Schools, members of the Board of Education, the Medical Officers of Schools, Mrs. Ralphs, the Headmistress of the Junior British Schools, many parents and friends interested in the School and its work, and Miss Stevens, lately Principal of the Tollington Park Central Girls' School, London.

Our boys and girls continue to take a keen and active interest in the cause of charity, doing good work at the annual sale of poppies on Armistice Day, both in Hong Kong and Kowloon, and at the annual sale of work of the Ministering Children's League.

Library.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Ralphs and Mr. Blason for making very welcome additions to our reading and art libraries, to Captain Muir who sent us, each month, copies of the *National Geographic Magazine*, and to Mr. Wylie for photographs of current world events.

Old Pupils' Association.

Many new members joined the Association during the year and great interest was taken in cricket, hockey and tennis, full use being made of the grounds at King's Park. The School patrols still do good work under Miss Buckwell and Miss Owen Hughes.

Games and Sports.

Blue House won the Inter-House Cup. The chief feature of the year was the growing interest of the juniors in the games.

FOOTBALL.—A keen Inter-Class competition was won by Class 3. HOCKEY.—Every Monday, weather permitting, the girls had games at King's Park and several matches were arranged.

CRICKET.—There was not the same activity as in previous years. Blue House won the Inter-House championship.

TENNIS.—The courts were thrown open to both boys and girls in the evenings and several tournaments were held.

SWIMMING.—During the summer months Mr. R. M. Dyer kindly permitted us to use the Kowloon Dock bathing beach.

BOXING.—A successful tournament was held and the form shown was very creditable to the Instructor, Sergeant Marriott.

University Examinations.

The results obtained in 1927 were very good but in 1928 they were even better. In January two of our students passed the London Matriculation, the first candidates from C.B.S. to do so.

In the Hong Kong University Examinations nine candidates of Class I were successful. For the second year in succession the King Edward VII Scholarship was won by this School.

In Class II the results of the Junior Local Examination were satisfactory, eight out of ten candidates being successful and gaining six distinctions.

The annual examination of Classes III-VI produced very satisfactory results, 75 per cent. of the candidates gaining promotion to higher classes.

Royal Drawing Society.

Excellent results were obtained at the annual examination held in June. The results were:—Candidates entered 104. Candidates awarded certificates 94. Honorary certificates awarded 75. Pass certificates awarded 30.

It is very gratifying to us to know that we are justifying our existence as the Senior British School. Education now forms part of the process of humanizing a boy, bringing out the best that is in him. The great demand for education now existing is a clear indication that people now want healthier bodies, healthier minds, a healthier spiritual outlook, and desire a

greater employment of their resources. Let us work, parents, teachers and pupils, as if our hearts were in our work. Let us strive to achieve the something more that keeps the soul rich and strong—an interest in art, literature, music, and in the whole human history. We are beginning to realize that our children must be kept at school as long as possible. School life and home life often clash, but school life must be first, for during the last few years of school the most important lessons are learnt, character is moulded and the children gain those priceless possessions that will help them in the battle of life and fit them to meet competition with confidence and courage.

In conclusion, I thank all the donors of prizes, the staff for their enthusiastic co-operation and support throughout the year, and the Vicar of St. Andrew's Church who so kindly gave us permission to use the Church Hall on this occasion.

SIR HENRY POLLOCK'S CONGRATULATIONS.

Before distributing the prizes, Sir Henry Pollock said that it gave him great pleasure to come over to Kowloon to give away the prizes. He congratulated Mr. Nightingale upon entering his tenth year as Headmaster of the School, and also upon the very excellent report which he had presented. It was not his intention to speak at length about the various distinctions gained by the scholars, but he was very glad to hear that two students had passed the London University Matriculation Examinations, which, as the Headmaster had remarked, "opens the door to all professions." He was particularly interested in the London Matriculation results for a student at Charterhouse at Home he sat for the London University exams, prior to his call to the English Bar, and he would say that he found it exceedingly hard to pass.

Sir Henry congratulated the School on obtaining the King Edward and Montargis French Scholarship prizes, and commented on the adoption of English as a special subject, remarking that it was a very important one.

School Roll Increases.

He had been given the figures of the School's attendance by Mr. Ralphs and they showed a large increase. In 1921 after the Junior Section removed to Gun Club Hill there were only 88 students on the roll. To-day, eight years later, there were 168 girls and boys.

With regard to the continued increase of scholars, he understood that the Government had already set apart a site along the Edgewood Road, next to the Kowloon Hospital, for a new school. This might be regarded as the first step, and he hoped the Government would include in the next year's estimates, a large sum for the new school building. (Applause.)

One of the great essentials of a school was discipline, and he was pleased to remark that Mr. Ralphs had described the discipline of the School as being very good. He impressed on the students that it depended more on them than the teachers, and concluded by reminding them that "the youth of a nation were the trustees for posterity." He thanked the Girl Guides and Sea Scouts of the School for receiving him, and asked Mr. Nightingale that the School be given a holiday in honour of the prize-giving.

The function concluded with cheers for Sir Henry Pollock, the Headmaster, Mr. Nightingale, the staff and School.

EXAMINATION RESULTS.

University of London Matriculation Examination:—M. Oliver and S. Whitley.

University of Hong Kong Matriculation Examination:—E. L. Hayes and E. A. Hosford.

University of Hong Kong Senior Local Examination:—J. A. M. Black, R. H. A. Woolley, P. C. Hynes, M. L. W. Bryson, B. Budden, A. C. Maycock and E. B. Moses.

University of Hong Kong Junior Local Examination:—M. S. Bander, B. I. Bickford, F. G. S. Eldridge, T. R. Ingram, Y. Langley, V. Levkovich, H. G. Layton and R. H. Tobin.

Montargis French Prizes:—E. A. Hosford (Senior) and T. R. Ingram (Junior).

Government Scholarships:—E. A. Hosford, V. Levkovich, F. Stokes, A. Miller, D. Hosford, B. Wood, P. Huxford, J. Miller and T. Whelan.

Government Prizes:—E. L. Hayes, V. Levkovich, F. Stokes, A. Miller, D. Hosford, D. Booker, P. Huxford, J. Miller and T. Whelan.

Garrison School Scholarships:—F. Bacon, P. Gardner, E. Holloway, R. Kirman, W. Maycock and D. Monaghan.

Hong Kong & Whampoa Dock Company's Scholarships:—S. M. Brown and N. Kempton.

Headmaster's Prize:—E. L. Hayes.

Wylie Composition Prize:—E. M. Field.

Ezra Abraham Prize for Mathematics:—E. L. Hayes.

Ellis Kadourie Prizes:—E. L. Hayes, T. R. Ingram and F. Stokes.

War Memorial Prize:—E. L. Hayes.

History Prize (presented by Mr. H. D. L. Dowbiggin):—E. A. Hosford. (Continued on next column.)

HONG KONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS.

(ORDERS BY LT.-COL. L. G. BIRD, D.S.O., C.B.E., COMMANDANT.)

No. 10/29.

1.—Farewell Order.
The following Special Order is repeated for information:—

"On handing over the South China Command to Major-General J. W. Sandilands, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., the G.O.C. would express his appreciation of the loyal support he has received from all ranks in their respective spheres. To his Staff and Heads of Services and Departments he is especially grateful for the help and co-operation received from every branch."

"He congratulates Commanding Officers on the state of efficiency they have brought their Battalions and Units to, and the keenness and energy shown by all. He relinquishes the command with great regret and wishes everyone in it the best of luck in the future."

2.—Efficiency.

All Officers Commanding Units will arrange to check their records with the Adjutant at an early date for the Training Year 1929-30.

3.—Corps Rifle Meeting.

Corps Rifle Meeting will take place at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, March 31st, and Monday, April 1st, 1929 (Easter Sunday and Easter Monday). Further details will be issued later.

4.—Arms.

Rifles and bayonets are to be kept at either Corps or Platoon Headquarters. All those who have not returned their rifles and bayonets will do so at once.

5.—Musketry.

The Portuguese Company will fire Table "T" at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, March 10th, 1929. Range Officer: Lieut. S. Jarvis, M.C.

Lunch will leave Queen's Pier at 9 a.m., and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Dress: Musketry order, i.e., rifle, belt, bayonet, braces and pouches. Uniform or multi optional.

Arms will be drawn from Corps Headquarters on Friday, March 8th, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m., and on Saturday, March 9th, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

6.—The Battery.

Musketry. All ranks are reminded that Table "T" will be fired at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, March 17th, 1929.

Those who have not fired on January 27th, 1929, are requested to attend.

7.—Corps Band.

The Band will parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 12th, in music for Band Practice, and on Friday, March 15th, at same time and place for Musketry.

8.—Mounted Infantry Company.

Thursday, March 14th. Parade at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for Machine Gun Instruction. Dress: Multi.

9.—Armoured Car Company.

CAR SECTION.
There will be a meeting of N.C.O.'s at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Friday, March 15th, 1929. All N.C.O.'s should attend.

10.—Motor-Cycle Section.

Monday, March 11th. Regular Training will re-commence from this date when there will be a practice ride on the Island. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. sharp. All ranks should attend.

11.—Scripture Prizes (presented by Rev. J. H. Johnston).—J. A. M. Black and V. Levkovich.

12.—Chemistry Prize (presented by Mr. T. R. Rowell).—A. Maycock.

13.—Prize for Mathematics (presented by Mr. G. G. Wood).—T. R. Ingram.

14.—Prize for Mathematics (presented by Messrs. Brewer & Co.).—L. Read.

15.—Prize for Drawing (presented by Messrs. Der A. Wing & Co.).—A. Maycock.

16.—Prize for Drawing (presented by Miss Hall).—R. Woolley.

17.—Prize for English (presented by Miss Munro).—E. A. Hosford.

18.—Royal Drawing Society.

"Full" Certificate:—J. A. M. Black.

Honours Pass:—J. Black, M. Bryson, A. Maycock, A. Chester, E. MacNider, E. Butler, B. Forster, Y. Langley, J. Suiter, B. Bickford, E. Bird, G. Eldridge, T. Ingram, V. Levkovich, U. Mitchell, R. Tobin, R. Blyth, D. Brooks, K. Chester, A. Hynes, G. Costello, A. Kelly, J. Crossan, J. Miller, J. Gardner, M. Poynting, A. Huxford, H. Stock, L. Marshall, J. Thirlwell, J. McCubbin, N. Whitley, A. Miller, H. Wylie, F. Stokes, J. Smith, O. Wittell, R. Wood, I. Woolley, J. Bates, D. Booker, I. Black, J. Crouch, E. Blyth, K. Glendinning, D. Hosford, F. Field, M. Mason, E. Humphrey, J. Sloan, E. Lyssaught, F. Wiltshire, A. Macfarlane, G. McNeillie, L. Read, O. Hedwood, J. Tobin, R. White, B. Woods, F. Ball, C. Bander, B. Bone, H. Brown, S. Brown, J. Bryson, E. Calvert, J. Chubb, T. Egan, P. Everest, F. Fowler, S. Fowler, B. Green, V. Grunberg, M. Huxford, N. Kempton, J. Laurenson, D. MacKay, J. Macleod, M. McCaw, P. Moore, Y. Owen, T. Phillips, D. Raven, C. Reed, L. Salmon, G. Sloan, B. Spencer, D. Tolan, R. Whelan, P. White, D. Smith and D. Taylor.

19.—Honour.

The following extract from the Hong Kong Government Gazette No. 11 dated March 1st, 1929, is repeated for information:—

"H.M. the King has been graciously pleased to approve the following appointment in the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (Military Division):

"To be an ordinary member of the Fourth Class of Officer:—

"Lieut.-Col. Lennox Godfrey Bird, D.S.O."

17.—Leave.

Capt. M. G. Noll, Corps Signals is granted leave to United Kingdom, from March 8th, 1929, to March 6th, 1930.

No. 554 Pte. W. L. Smith, No. 2 Platoon, from March 1st, 1929, to February 28th, 1930.

No. 374 C.O.M.S. Kew, Armoured Car Co., rejoined from leave on March 1st, 1929.

18.—Marksmen.

The undermentioned have qualified as marksmen for Training Section 1929-30 and are entitled to wear

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ALEXANDRIA.

Pres. Garfield, Dollar, Mar. 10.
Pres. Johnson, Dollar, Mar. 24.
Pres. Monroe, Dollar, Apr. 7.

AMOI.

Tjalling, J.C.J.L., Mar. 9.
Tjalling, J.C.J.L., Mar. 11.
Haiching, Douglas, Mar. 12.
Shantung, B. & S., Mar. 12.
Kuingchow, B. & S., Mar. 15.
Antung, B. & S., Mar. 17.
Santhia, B.I., Mar. 21.
Tjalling, J.C.J.L., Mar. 22.
Tjalling, J.C.J.L., Mar. 23.
Tilawa, B.I., Mar. 31.
Takliwa, B.I., Apr. 1.

ANTWERP.

Kushimi Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 9.
Java, Manners, Mar. 18.
Padua, P. & O., Mar. 18.
Hakozaki Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 23.

AUSTRALIAN PORTS.

Paiping, B. & S., Mar. 15.
Tango Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 20.
St. Albans, E. & A., Mar. 30.
Chronos, Dodwell's, Apr. 4.
Aki Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 24.

BALTIC PORTS.

Derflinger, Melchers, Mar. 8.
Java, Manners, Mar. 18.
Nippon, Gilman's, Mar. 19.
Schlesien, Melchers, Mar. 23.

BALTIMORE.

City of Dunkirk, Bank, Mar. 20.
Nairnbank, Bank, Apr. 2.
Laomedon, Bank, Apr. 10.

BANGKOK.

Kuei-yang, B. & S., Mar. 10.
Kuingchow, B. & S., Mar. 15.
Cremor, J.C.J.L., Mar. 14.
Kaying, B. & S., Mar. 17.

BOSTON.

Pres. Garfield, Dollar, Mar. 10.
Chinese Prince, Furness, Mar. 19.
Taketo Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 19.
City of Dunkirk, Bank, Mar. 20.
Pres. Monroe, Dollar, Apr. 7.

BOMBAY.

Ceylon Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 11.
Sado Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 17.
Mirapore, P. & O., Apr. 1.
Malwa, P. & O., Apr. 13.

BREMER.

Derflinger, Melchers, Mar. 8.
Schlesien, Melchers, Mar. 23.
Saarbrücken, Melchers, Apr. 10.

BRINDISI.

Remo, Dodwell's, Mar. 9.
Timavo, Dodwell's, Mar. 9.
Piave, Dodwell's, Mar. 23.
Viminale, Dodwell's, Apr. 2.

CALCUTTA.

Muroran Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 8.
Talamba, B.I., Mar. 17.
Morioka Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 15.
Hosang, Jardine's, Mar. 16.
Tama, B.I., Mar. 16.
Kutsang, Jardine's, Mar. 22.
Santhia, B.I., Apr. 17.
Tilawa, B.I., Apr. 23.

CEBU.

Golden Peak, States S.S., Mar. 10.
G'den M'tain, States S.S., Mar. 19.
New York, States S.S., Mar. 23.

CHEYU.

Kueichow, B. & S., Mar. 23.
Huichow, B. & S., Mar. 31.

COLOMBO.

Derflinger, Melchers, Mar. 8.
Cardiganhire, Jardine's, Mar. 9.
Fushimi Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 9th.
Remo, Dodwell's, Mar. 9th.

Pres. Garfield, Dollar, Mar. 10th.
Ceylon Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 11.
Andre Lebon, M.M., Mar. 12.
Havenstein, J.C.J.L., Mar. 15.
Khiva, P. & O., Mar. 16th.
Lyons Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 17.
Sado Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 17.
Padua, P. & O., Mar. 18th.
Patroclus, B.F., Mar. 20th.

Piave, Dodwell's, Mar. 23.
Schlesien, Melchers, Mar. 23.
Hakozaki Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 23.
Khyber, P. & O., Mar. 23.
Mirapore, P. & O., Mar. 23rd.

Schlesien, Melchers, Mar. 23.
Pres. Johnson, Dollar, Mar. 24.
Ermland, J.C.J.L., Mar. 24.

Malwa, B. & S., Mar. 28.
Mirapore, P. & O., Mar. 30.
Viminale, Dodwell's, Apr. 2.
Leverkusen, J.C.J.L., Apr. 2.

Hakusan Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 6.
Pres. Monroe, Dollar, Apr. 7.

COPENHAGEN.

Nippon, Gilman's, Mar. 19.
Java, Manners, Mar. 18.
Australien, Manners, Apr. 4.

DALNY.

Chile, Manners, Mar. 8.
Kanchow, B. & S., Mar. 10.
Burgeland, J.C.J.L., Mar. 17.
Liangchow, B. & S., Mar. 17.

LIVERPOOL.

Lyons Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 17.
Keemun, B.F., Mar. 20th.

LONDON.

Cardiganhire, Jardine's, Mar. 9.
City of Peking, Bank, Mar. 9th.
Fushimi Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 9th.

Khiva, P. & O., Mar. 16.
Padua, P. & O., Mar. 18.
Patroclus, B.F., Mar. 20.
Khyber, P. & O., Mar. 23.

Hakozaki Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 23.
Malwa, P. & O., Mar. 30.
Mirapore, P. & O., Apr. 1.
Calchias, B.F., Apr. 2.

Antenor, B.F., Apr. 17.
Bokuyo Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 9th.
Pres. Taft, Dollar, Mar. 12th.

Golden Tide, States S.S., Mar. 10.
Taiyo Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 20.
Pres. Jefferson, A.M.L., Mar. 20.
Tenyo Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 3.

FOOCHOW.

Haiching, Douglas, Mar. 12.
Haining, Douglas, Mar. 15.

GENOA.

Derflinger, Melchers, Mar. 8.
Pres. Garfield, Dollar, Mar. 10th.
Havenstein, J.C.J.L., Mar. 15.
Lyons Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 17.
Keemun, Blue Funnel, Mar. 20th.
Pres. Johnson, Dollar, Mar. 24.
Ermland, J.C.J.L., Mar. 24.
Leverkusen, J.C.J.L., Mar. 24.
Saarbrücken, Melchers, Apr. 10.

GLASGOW.

Keemun, Blue Funnel, Mar. 20th.
Patroclus, B.F., Mar. 20th.

GOTHENBURG.

Java, Manners, Mar. 18.
Nippon, Gilman's, Mar. 19.
Australien, Manners, Apr. 4.

HAIIPHONG AND HOIHOW.

Tean, B. & S., Mar. 15.

HAMBURG.

Cardiganhire, Jardine's, Mar. 9.
Derflinger, Melchers, Mar. 9th.

City of Peking, Bank, Mar. 9th.
Havenstein, J.C.J.L., Mar. 15.
Java, Manners, Mar. 18.
Padua, P. & O., Mar. 18th.

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Australien, Manners, Apr. 4.

HAVRE.

Java, Manners, Mar. 18.
Keemun, B.F., Mar. 20th.

Australien, Manners, Mar. 27.
Eurypylus, B.F., Apr. 20.

HONOLULU.

Bokuyo Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 9th.
Pres. Taft, Dollar, Mar. 12th.

Emp. of Asia, C.P.S., Mar. 20.
Taiyo Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 20.
Pres. Jefferson, A.M.L., Mar. 20.

Tenyo Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 3.

HULL.

Khiva, P. & O., Mar. 16th.
Padua, P. & O., Mar. 18th.

Khyber, P. & O., Mar. 23rd.

ILOILO.

Golden Peak, States S.S., Mar. 10.
G'den M'tain, States S.S., Mar. 19.

New York, States S.S., Mar. 23.
Chronos, Dodwell's, Apr. 4.

JAPAN PORTS.

Chile, Manners, Mar. 8.
Bokuyo Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 9th.

Gambada, B.I., Mar. 8.
Tyndarus, B.F., Mar. 9.

Meriones, B.F., Mar. 12.
Nagasaki, P. & O., Mar. 12.

Porto, M.M., Mar. 15th.
Tokushima Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 13.

Fokutsu Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 14.
Sumatra, Gilman's, Mar. 14.

Afrika, Manners, Mar. 14.
Saarbrücken, Melchers, Mar. 15.

Naldera, P. & O., Mar. 15th.
Santhia, B.I., Mar. 15th.

Burgeland, J.C.J.L., Mar. 16th.
Rosandra, Dodwell's, Mar. 16.

Fooksang, Jardine's, Mar. 17.
Glenahiel, Jardine's, Mar. 17.

Bengal Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 19.
Duchessa D'Aosta, D'well, Mar. 19.

Kitano Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 19.
Taketo Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 19.

Pres. McKinley, A.M.L., Mar. 19.
Emp. of Asia, C.P.S., Mar. 20.

Matsuoka Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 20.
Taiyo Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 20.

Toyo Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 21.
Yuenhsang, Jardine's, Mar. 21.

Aki Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 22.
Hakodate Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 22.

Karmala, P. & O., Mar. 22nd.
Alipore, B.I., Mar. 23.

Lahore, P. & O., Mar. 25.
Shidzuka Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 25.

Chenomeaux, M.M., Mar. 25th.

Pres. Jefferson, A.M.L., Mar. 25.

Ajao, B.F., Mar. 27.

Royel Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 27.

Esquillo, Dodwell's, Mar. 28.

Tilawa, B.I., Mar. 28th.

Trave, Melchers, Mar. 28.

Mantus, P. & O., Mar. 29th.

Formosa, Gilman's, Mar. 30.

Protestant, B.F., Mar. 30.

Cardiganhire, Jardine's, Apr. 1.

Pres. Johnson, Dollar, Mar. 24.

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Liangchow, B. & S., Mar. 17.

Saarbrücken, Melchers, Mar. 18.

Trave, Melchers, Mar. 28.

Ruhr, J.C.J.L., Apr. 2.

DUCHOW.

Achilles, Blue Funnel, Mar. 5th.

Cardiganhire, Jardine's, Mar. 9.

City of Peking, Bank, Mar. 9th.

Derflinger, Melchers, Mar. 9th.

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Fushimi Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 9th.

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Java, Manners, Mar. 18.

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Patroclus, Blue Funnel, Mar. 20th.

Hakozaki Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 23.

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Leverkusen, J.C.J.L., Apr. 2.

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Pres. Lincoln, Dollar, Apr. 9.

LOS ANGELES.

Bokuyo Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 9th.

Pres. Taft, Dollar, Mar. 12th.

Golden Tide, States S.S., Mar. 10.

Taiyo Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 20.

Pres. Jefferson, A.M.L., Mar. 20.

Tenyo Maru, N.Y.K., Apr. 3.

Pres. Lincoln, Dollar, Apr. 9.

MANILA.

Derflinger, Melchers, Mar. 8.

Emp. of Asia, C.P.S., Mar. 8th.

Golden Peak, States S.S., Mar. 10.

Pres. Garfield, Dollar, Mar. 10.

Tjalling, J.C.J.L., Mar. 10.

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Chronos, Dodwell's, Apr. 4.

JAPAN PORTS.

Chile, Manners, Mar. 8.

Bokuyo Maru, N.Y.K., Mar. 9th.

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SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"YUNNAN"	On 14th Mar.	8 a.m.
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HONGKONG, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"TEAN"	On 15th Mar.	10 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SUIYANG"	On 17th Mar.	8 a.m.
AMOI, SWATOW & BANGKOK	"ANTUNG"	On 17th Mar.	8 a.m.
SHANGHAI, NEWCHANG & DALNY	"LIANGCHOW"	On 17th Mar.	8 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KAYING"	On 17th Mar.	Noon
WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"KUEICHOW"	On 23rd Mar.	4 p.m.
WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"HUICHOW"	On 31st Mar.	6 a.m.

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CHENONCEAUX ... 23rd Apr.	D'ARTAGNAN ... 23rd Apr.
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STATION	HOW READ BAROMETER THIS	BAROMETER AT SEA LEVEL		TEMPERATURE	HUMIDITY	WIND			HOW READ BAROMETER THIS	BAROMETER AT SEA LEVEL		TEMPERATURE	HUMIDITY	WIND			HOW READ BAROMETER THIS								
		Inches	Millis.			Direction	Force (Beaufort)	Direction		Force (Beaufort)	Inches			Millis.	Direction	Force (Beaufort)		Direction	Force (Beaufort)						
Wladivostok	12	30.45	773.4	25	...	...	...	0	b	6	30.30	769.5	14	...	NNW	0	b					
Nemuro	11	29.80	737.0	...	...	NW	...	3	...	5	30.16	768.0	...	...	NNW	1	...				
Hokodate	"	30.10	764.5	...	...	N	...	3	...	"	30.30	769.5	...	...	NNW	1	...				
Tokio	"	30.14	765.5	...	...	NNW	...	3	...	"	30.39	772.0	...	...	NNW	1	...				
Kochi	"	30.28	769.0	...	...	NNW	...	1	...	"	30.36	771.0	...	...	N	0	...				
Nagasaki	"	30.31	770.0	...	...	NE	...	2	...	"	30.36	771.0	...	...	N	1	...				
Kagoshima	"	30.28	769.0	...	...	NE	...	...	...	"	30.32	770.0	...	...	WNW	1	...	
Oshima	"	30.22	765.5	...	...	NNE	...	1	...	"	30.26	768.5	...	...	N	1	...				
Naha	"	30.18	766.5	...	...	NE	...	1	...	"	30.22	767.5	...	...	NE	1	...				
Ishigakijima	"	30.22	767.5	...	...	N	...	0	...	"	30.24	768.0	...	...	NNW	1	...				
Bonin Island	"	30.02	762.5	...	...	...	...	1	...	"	30.06	763.5	...	...	N	1	...		
Chefoo	15	30.39	771.9	38	84	NE	...	1	b	6	30.28	769.1	38	84	SSW	2	b								
Shanghai	14	30.46	773.4	32	30	N	...	1	b	"	30.41	772.5	23	96	NE	1	b								
Gutziatz	"	30.49	774.4	30	72	N	...	2	b	"	30.44	773.2	33	83	NNE	2	b								
Sharp Peak	"	30.22	767.6	56	63	E	...	4	b	7	30.32	761.6	44	68	NW	1	b								
Amoy	"	30.26	768.6	62	42	E	...	4	b	6	30.35	770.9	50	51	N	4	b								
Swatow	"	30.25	768.3	57	77	NE	...	2	b	"	30.28	769.2	47	93	NE	2	b								
Taihou	11	30.31	769.5	55	81	E	...	4	b	5	30.28	769.2	52	80	E	4	b								
Taihu	"	30.21	767.4	39	...	NNW	...	4	b	"	30.18	766.5	54	...	N	0	b								
Taiwan	"	30.21	767.4	39	...	NNE	...	4	b	"	30.14	765.6	64	...	NE	6	b								
Koshu	"	30.18	766.5	70	...	NNE	...	4	b	"	30.21	767.4	55	...	NNE	6	b								
Pescadores	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	b	6	30.27	768.8	55	69	ENE	3	b		
Hong Kong	14	30.20	767.1	64	43	E	...	2	b	"	30.22	767.6	...	...	ENE	4	b						
Gap Rock	"	30.20	767.1	...	...	NNE	...	4	b	"	30.21	767.4	55	77	NE	2	b						
Macao	"	30.19	766.2	59	40	NE	...	2	b	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Hoihow	"	30.18	766.6	62	89	NE	...	4	b	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Pratas Island	"	30.13	765.3	66	74	NNE	...	6	b	"	30.15	765.8	65	78	NNE	6	b								
Paulien	13	30.21	767.4	63	51	SW	...	2	b	7	30.25	768.3	55	...	NW	4	b								
Tourane	"	30.11	764.7	63	...	NNW	...	4	b	"	30.14	765.6	63	...	NNW	4	b								
Cape St. James	"	29.87	758.7	82	...	ENE	...	6	b	"	29.93	760.2	73	...	ENE	4	b								
Basco	14	30.06	763.5	73	71	ENE	...	4	b	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Aparri	"	30.00	762.0	77	72	NE	...	4	b	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Tuguegarao	"	29.95	760.8	81	56	N	...	2	b	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Vigan	"	29.86	758.4	82	57	N	...	6	b	"	29.94	760.5	73	52	NE	2	b								
Manila	"	29.88	759.0	82	57	WSW	...	4	b	"	29.95	760.8	72	89	W	1	b								
Legaspi	"	29.85	758.1	81	69	NNE	...	4	b	"	29.93	760.2	75	85	N	4	b								
Calbayog	"	29.82	757.5	77	86	N	...	4	b	"	29.88	759.0	73	92	NNE	4	b								
Tacloban	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	"	29.87	758.7	73	98	NW	4	b
Iloilo	"	29.82	757.5	79	69	N	...	6	b	"	29.87	758.7	72	91	NE	6	b								
Cebu	"	29.79	756.6	84	64	NNW	...	4	b	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Surigao	"	29.79	756.6	79	92	N	...	4	b	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Palapa	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Yap	12.22	29.80	756.9	...	...	E	...	4	b	4.22	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Pelew	11.00	29.81	757.2	...	...	E	...	2	b	5	29.87	758.7	...	...	NNE	2	b				
Ponape	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Labuan	14	29.80	756.9	84	83	NE	...	4	b	6	29.35	758.2	77	91	NE	2	b								

March 7d. 11h. 10m.—The anticyclone is moving eastward and is now central over S. Korea.
Fresh monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the China Sea.
Hong Kong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 1.51 inches, against an average of 3.58 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON ON THE 8th.

District	Forecast
1.—Fermosa Channel	N.E. winds fresh.
2.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Lamcocks	N.E. winds, fresh to moderate; fine to cloudy.
3.—Hong Kong to Gap Rock	N.E. winds, fresh to moderate; fine to cloudy.
4.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Hainan	N.E. winds, fresh to moderate; fine to cloudy.

B. D. EVANS.—First Assistant.

HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, Mar. 7th.	Previous On Date	On Date
Day	at	at
at 2 p.m.	6 a.m.	2 p.m.
Barometer ... 30.20	30.27	30.78
Temperature ... 61	55	65
Humidity ... 43	69	68
Wind ... East	ENE	East
Force ... 2	3	2
Weather ... B	B	B
Rain ... 0.00	0.00	0.00

Highest open-air Temperature, 6th: 64
Lowest open-air Temperature, 7th: 55
B—Blue sky; C—Cloudy; D—Drizzle; F—Fog; L—Lightning; M—Mist; O—Overcast; P—Passing showers; Q—Squalls; R—Rain; T—Thunder.

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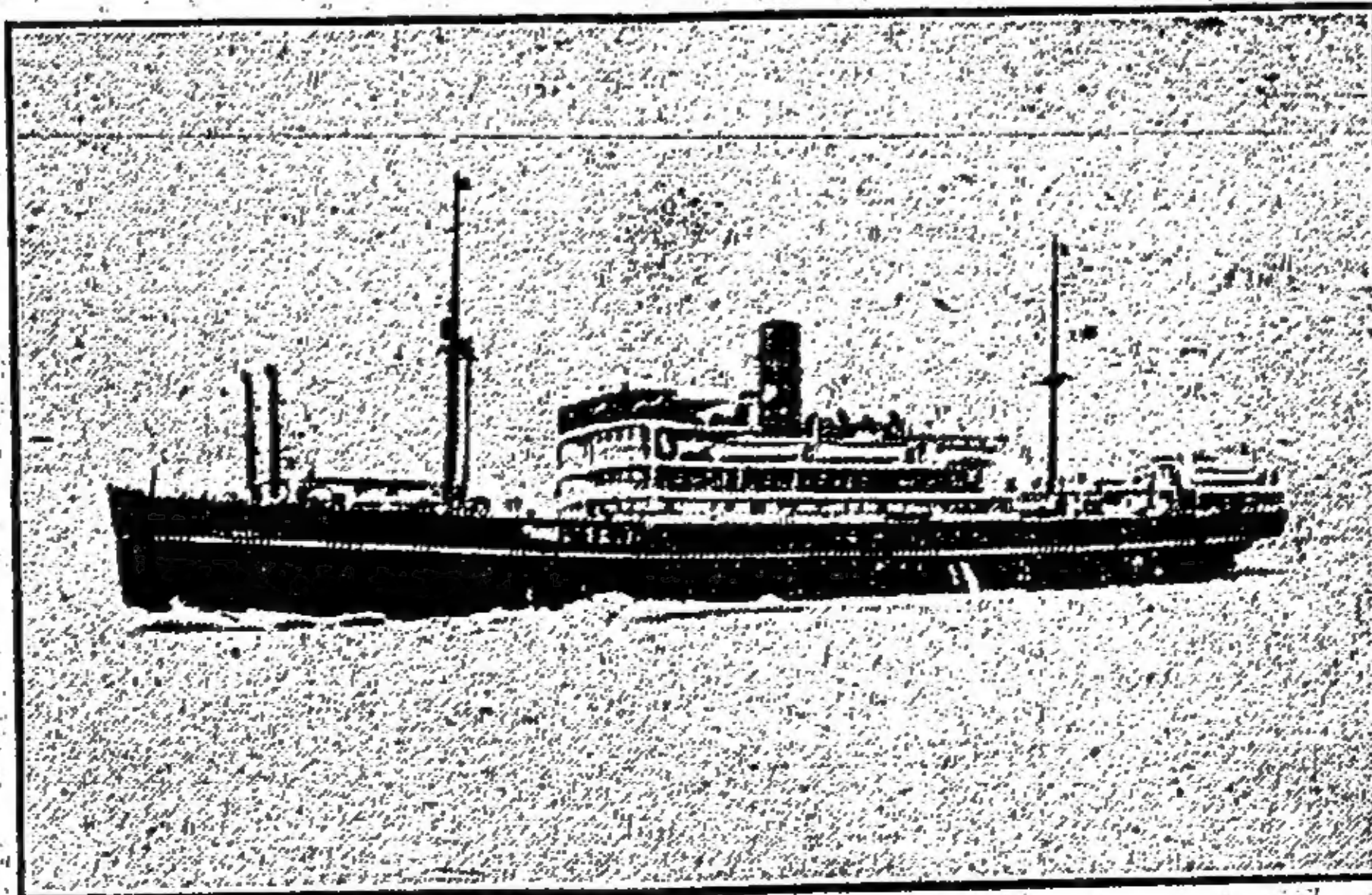
High Water. Low Water.

Days of Week	Date	Hong Kong Standard Time	High Water	Low Water
Fri.	8	9 24	4 3	9 23
Sat.	9	9 25	4 3	9 24
Sun.	10	9 26	4 3	9 25
Mon.	11	9 27	4 3	9 26
Tues.	12	9 28	4 3	9 27
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OSAKA via MOJI & KOBE	"FOOKHANG" "YUENSANG"	Sun., 17th Mar., at 7 a.m. Thurs., 21st Mar., at 7 a.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"HOSANG" "KUTSANG"	Satur., 16th Mar., at 3 p.m. Fri., 22nd Mar., at 3 p.m.
SANDAKAN	"MAUSANG" "BINSANG"	Satur., 9th Mar., at Noon Sun., 17th Mar., at 10 a.m.
CANTON	"HOPSANG"	Mon., 11th Mar., at 6 p.m.

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